



THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Phil. 2:5, 1:12-18

“When Life Gets in the Way”



Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Phil. 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:



16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely,
supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the
defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in
pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and **I therein do
rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.**

I. THE PERCEPTION OF THE CONCEPT

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

A. The Imperative – “Let this mind...”

B. The Influence – “...be in you...”

C. The Imitation – “...which was also in Christ Jesus:”

Rom. 6:4 1 Cor. 11:1 Phil. 3:17

II. THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

Mt. 6:10, 26:42

A. The Fellowship in the Gospel, Phil. 1:3-7

B. The Force Within the Gospel, Phil. 1:9-11

1. Love Abounding, 1:9

Phil. 1:9 And this I pray, that **your love may abound** yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;

2. Love Approved, 1:10

Phil. 1:10 That ye may **approve** things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

3. Love Affected, 1:11

Phil. 1:11 Being filled with **the fruits of righteousness**, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Phil. 1:18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and **I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.**

We need to take care of what we have to do, that we may then be able to do what we want to do!

Heb. 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who **for the joy that was set before him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

1 Thess. 5:16 **Rejoice evermore.**

Rom. 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to *his purpose*.

C. The Fall-out from, and for, the Gospel, Phil. 1:12-20

1. The Clarity in the Reasoning, 1:12-13

Phil. 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that **the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;**

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*;

a. The Determination – “Phil. 1:12 But I **would...**”

b. The Discernment – “...ye should **understand, brethren...**”

c. The Development – “...the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, **neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy**, and **the ministry**, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify **the gospel of the grace of God**.

Invest – Invite



Original Word: προκοπή

Transliteration: prokopé

Short Definition: progress, advancement

Properly, *advance* (progress) – literally, "advancement by *chopping down* whatever impedes progress"; furtherance.

For the believer, this means going *forward* in sanctification, cutting through obstacles *by the Lord's power*.

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Phil. 1:25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your **furtherance** and joy of faith;

1 Tim. 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy **profiting** may appear to all.

1 Thess. 2:1 For yourselves, brethren, know **our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:**

2 But even after that **we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi,** we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

1 Cor. 16:7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

9 For **a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.**

Prov. 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.**

Rom. 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

d. The Dissemination

1:13 So that **my bonds in Christ** are manifest **in all the palace**, and in all other *places*;

Acts 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel **I am bound with this chain.**

Phil. 4:22 All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

(*See Acts 28:23-31)

2. The Confidence in the Response, 1:14

a. The Influence – “And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds...”



b. The Involvement – “...are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”

Original Word: τολμάω

Transliteration: tolmaó

Definition: I dare, endure, am bold, have courage, make up the mind.

Properly, to show daring courage necessary for a valid risk ("putting it all on the line"); courageously venture forward by putting fear behind and embracing the fruit that lies ahead for taking a *necessary risk*.

Conclusion

Jn. 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that **in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that **in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.**

1 Jn. 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.**

18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear:** because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 **We love him, because he first loved us.**