

## ***Imprisonment Can't Impede the Gospel***

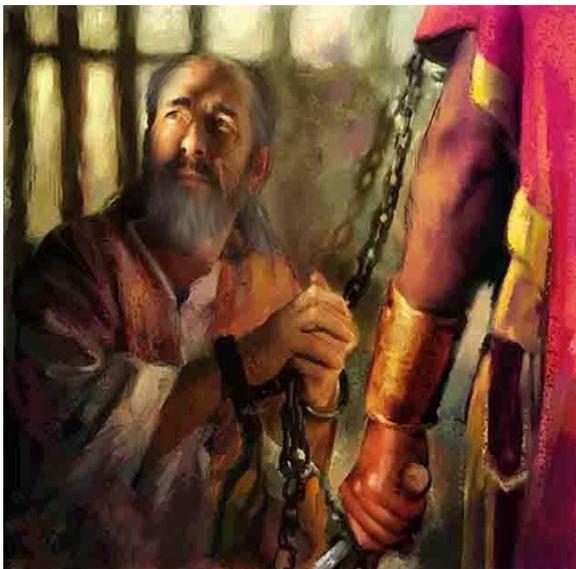
*Philippians 1:12-20*

### **Unexpected progress in spite of persecution, 12-18**

- More exposure to unbelievers to hear the gospel, 12,13.  
A surprise—*rather to advance the gospel* = best translation.  
Acts 28:16,20,30, Eph. 6:19,20 give details of confinement, as he is chained to those in the famous Praetorian Guard.
- More dare to share God's Word with greater courage, 14.  
Paul's imprisonment doesn't create fear but lessens it! How should the "Pastor Saeeds" of the world affect you and me?
- Motives for proclaiming Christ may be good or bad, 15-18.  
Good motivation: love (recall vs. 8) . . . to encourage Paul.  
Bad motivation: envy / strife to distress Paul (I Tim. 1:5 vs. I Tim. 6:4). They aren't Judaizers in 3:2 or those in 3:19,20.  
What gives with these guys?

### **Expecting the best because of prayers and the Spirit, 19-20**

- Exiting prison is what Paul is counting on, 19.  
*Paul is sure (know 2x / convinced (19,24) of deliverance from death because of prayers and so that he can minister later, 24b.*
- Exalting Christ boldly is Paul's goal regardless of his fate, 20.  
Boldness = his prayer request in Eph. 6:19,20; and the Spirit's help was promised in Lk. 12:11,12 for such difficult occasions.



Are we doing our part for those in prison who count on our prayers to help them make it through their ordeals?