

**Review**

1. The cultivation of the spirit of prayer
2. The challenge to pray for our love to abound

**The furtherance of the gospel**

“But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel” (Phil 1:12)

1. Paul wanted the brethren to know
  - a. About the things that happened to him
  - b. These things were significant things
2. ἐλήλυθεν... erchomai... appear, come...perfect active indicative
  - a. The use of the perfect
  - b. Have already turned out
3. The progression of the gospel
  - a. προκοπήν... prokope... progress, advancement
  - b. The advancement of the gospel
  - c. The focus of Paul was for the progression of the gospel.
  - d. It became a most significant concern

**A testimony of Paul's imprisonment in Christ**

“so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;” (Phil 1:13)

1. The imprisonment of Paul was in the sphere of Christ
  - a. Paul was abiding in Christ (John 15)
  - b. His chains were in Christ
    - i. A prisoner of Jesus Christ (Eph 3:1)
    - ii. Bound in the Spirit (Acts 20:22)
    - iii. His imprisonment was in the sphere of Christ...for His sake

2. This became evident to all

a. φανερούς... phaneros... manifest

i. It became manifested

ii. His chains became evident

b. To the whole praetorium guards and to all the rest

c. This was Paul's wonderful testimony

i. It was for the sake of Christ.

ii. He became an example to the brethren of what it means to suffer for the spread of the gospel

### **The confidence to have boldness to speak the word of God**

“and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.” (Phil 1:14)

1. The impact of the testimony of Paul

a. To most of the brethren

b. Paul's testimony had a tremendous impact on the brethren

c. They were impacted because they too were abiding in the Lord

2. The confidence that Paul's imprisonment gave to the brethren

a. πεποιθότας ... peitho...to persuade, convince

b. The use of the perfect

c. Have already been persuaded

d. The brethren had already been persuaded by Paul's chains

3. The boldness to speak the word of God (Acts 4:31)

a. τολμᾶν ... tolmao... dare...

b. Infinitive of purpose

c. It was the purpose of the brethren to be much more daring to speak the word of God

d. The challenge is to spread the gospel

i. Locally

ii. Missions work