

PAUL UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME Pt. 1

(Philippians 1)

I. ILLUSTRATING PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT WITH THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

A. Paul's Difficulties and Witness while in Prison (1:12-14)

1. The Apostle wanted the Philippian believers to _____ that his present hardships were in God's _____. (1:12a)
2. Paul sought to inform the Philippians that _____ for the Lord is often achieved through _____ circumstances (1:12b) "*that the things which happened to me actually turned out...*"
3. While under house arrest, and chained to a _____, Paul always took the opportunity to be a godly _____ to these Gentiles, leading many to Christ. (v. 13)
4. The apostle's godly perspective generated _____ among the early Church, they were now more _____ in their evangelism _____ fear. (v. 14)

B. Paul's Imprisonment was an Aid in Magnifying Christ (1:19-26)

1. Paul's optimism regarding his acquittal rested on two factors, the intercessory _____ of the Philippians, and the generous _____ of the _____. (v. 19)

2. With hope in hand, Paul refused to be _____ of Jesus Christ, he desired to be a _____ witness of the gospel so that “*Christ would be magnified*” (fut./pass./indic.) not _____ Paul but _____ him. (v. 20)

3. In Paul’s mind the act of _____ on planet earth was wrapped up in a Person namely the Redeemer who was both the _____ and the _____ of his daily existence. (v. 21)

4. The apostle was aware that his chances of being released were good, which meant that _____ would involve more _____, and that would bring about more _____. (v. 22a)

5. In spite of all the hardships, Paul did not view continuing on in life as an _____ option, but if forced to choose between _____ and _____, he found himself in a bind. (vv. 22b-23)

6. Despite what the apostle _____ to do, he knew what he _____ to do (v. 24); “*I shall remain and continue with you all for your _____ and _____ of faith.*” (v. 25)

7. Paul knew that if he were able to _____ see them again, the Philippians rejoicing would be immense; it would be _____ and constantly _____ over. (1:26)

* What can you personally apply from Paul’s time under house arrest?