

A Life Worthy of the Gospel Phil. 1 (Part 2)

1. Paul thanks God for their partnership in the Gospel (vs. 3-5)
2. Paul encourages them with a great promise (v. 6)
3. Paul prays for their progress (vs. 9-11)
4. Paul reports on his imprisonment and God's _____
(vs. 12-18)
5. Paul speaks of his future and his life's _____ (vs. 19-26)
6. Paul exhorts them to be united in one _____ (vs. 27-30)
 - a. _____ *firm in one spirit* (v. 27)
 - b. *With one mind striving _____ by _____ for the faith of the Gospel* (v. 27)
 - c. *Not _____ in anything* (vs. 28-30)

*When Paul prayed that he might have a prosperous journey to Rome in the will of God (Romans 1:10), I'm sure he had no idea how that prayer would be answered. Paul's difficulties actually began when he arrived in Jerusalem. It was there he was warned that afflictions and imprisonments awaited him (Acts 20:22-23). In spite of the testimony of his dynamic conversion, he was falsely accused, nearly lynched by a religious mob, and finally ended up in a Roman prison. He would have been beaten but for the fact that he pleaded his Roman citizenship. Everything about his imprisonment was a mockery. He was insulted and shamed. And then there was the journey to Rome – the storm at sea – his life hanging in the balance. When finally he did arrive in Rome, it was not as he hoped. He came with the condemned in chains and waited two full years before he knew the outcome of his appeal. And yet **Paul was still certain that this sorrow and suffering was part of God's plan for his life.** – Dr. Jeremiah (Count It All Joy)*