

Handout November 8, 2024

**Philippians 1:1-18**  
**Chains in Christ**  
**Who Are You Chained To?**

Welcome back and here we go!

Last week we started our sermon series in Philippians. What did we discover?

1. I'm \_\_\_\_\_! God's not \_\_\_\_\_ with me yet!

Tonight, we are going to talk about chains and what or who are we chained to!

**Philippians 1:1-18**

2. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

We have established that God not only CAN --- but HE WILL finish what He started in us. So, we can move on from the rudimentary understanding and move into absolute truth about salvation. God's love does not change and He will not lose me in spite of me! I am OKAY! So are you.....

**Philippians 1:9-10**

This is not the main thrust of the message, but I do not want us to miss what Paul prays for.....

An abounding love is a love that is rushing toward others. It is not stagnant or idle. It is grace-filled and sincere. It is active.

**Philippians 1:12-18**

3. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

So, let's back up to some more history or let's talk Philippians.

- A prison letter.
- Paul was on house-arrest.
- Paul was literally chained to guards.
- Paul's letter is all about JOY.

4. People are not \_\_\_\_\_. They are ministry \_\_\_\_\_.

- Who changed who? Paul or the Guards?
- Who is changing you?

Are you angrier? Do you love less? Are you in fight mode?

5. We are also \_\_\_\_\_ to past \_\_\_\_\_!

What has happened to you?

Were you Abused? Forgotten? Hated? Cheated On? Stolen from?

Were you Addicted? Divorced? Lost a Loved One? Gone to Jail? Have Issues?

***II Corinthians 1:3-7*** <sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,* <sup>4</sup> *who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.* <sup>5</sup> *For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.* <sup>6</sup> *Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.* <sup>7</sup> *And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.*

6. All of your \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

***Romans 5:1-11***

7. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ furthered the Gospel!

**Die to the right to be the focus.**

- What's happened to you?
- Who are you chained to?

Take these two concepts and grow in your ministry of **reconciliation**.

Is it evident to others that you are **chained to Christ**?

Are you still letting circumstances dictate your mental, emotional, and spiritual health?

**Realize you have a purpose and power!**

Next week:

To Live is Christ  
To Die is Gain