



## Message Title: **Fuel for Gospel Ministry**

Philippians 1:1-20 | Sunday AM, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | Pastor Derek Mackie

To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my

remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, <sup>5</sup> in view of your participation in

the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will

complete it by the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> For it is only right for me

to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and

confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for you all with

the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all

discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may discover the things that are

excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> having been filled with the fruit of righteousness

which comes through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God.<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers *and* sisters, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,<sup>13</sup> so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the praetorian guard and to everyone else,<sup>14</sup> and that most of the brothers *and* sisters, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.<sup>15</sup> Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from goodwill;<sup>16</sup> the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;<sup>17</sup> the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking that they are causing me distress in my imprisonment.<sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. But *not only that*, I also will rejoice,<sup>19</sup> for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,<sup>20</sup> according to my eager expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

## **Introduction**

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