

Text: Philippians 1:12-18

“For the furtherance of the gospel”

1. Main Concern: The gospel of the Kingdom of God
2. People who shared this main concern
 - a) John the Baptist Matthew 3:1-2
 - b) The Lord Jesus Christ Matthew 4:17; Acts 1:9
 - c) The apostle Paul Philippians 1:12
3. What is our main concern?
 - a) Exams?
 - b) Jobs?
 - c) Family?
 - d) Finding a life partner?
4. Learning why the apostle Paul became so deeply concerned about the furtherance of the gospel (even though he was imprisoned for the sake of the gospel)
 - a) Because he was personally saved through faith in the gospel Acts 9
 - i) His experience of salvation left an indelible impression on his soul
 - ii) He made constant reference to his salvation (Acts 22:1-21; 26:1-24; 1 Timothy 1:12-17)
 - b) Because he had a calling from God to preach and defend the gospel
 - i) A holy calling 2 Timothy 1:9
 - ii) An appointment from God to teach/ preach 2 Timothy 1:11;
 - iii) An appointment to defend the Gospel Philippians 1: 17
 - iv) As a pattern for others 1 Timothy 1:16
 - c) Because he believed in the power of the message of the cross 1 Corinthians 1:18
5. Rejoicing in the preaching of the gospel of Christ
 - a) Some preached Christ with wrong motivation Philippians 1:15

- b) Some preach Christ out of love Philippians 1:17a
- c) Paul chose to rejoice in the Lord
 - i) In the gospel being furthered
 - ii) In Christ being preached boldly
 - iii) In souls being saved through the gospel

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 1:9

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. 2 Timothy 1:9