



### Opening prayer

Blessed Lord, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read, respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and comfort of the Word will help us grasp and hold the blessed hope of everlasting life, given us through our Savior Jesus Christ.



### Read Philippians 1:15-18

**15** Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. **16** The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. **17** The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. **18** What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

### Watch the video

Follow this [link](#) or search for 'Grappling with Philippians 1' from the youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wolfmueller1>

### Review and Discussion Questions

1. Who are the 'some' that Paul is referring to in verse 15?  
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2. Why are some of the preachers attempting to add afflictions to Paul's bonds?  
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3. What is Paul primarily concerned with?  
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4. Why is it important that Paul says his imprisonment is for the Gospel, or for preaching of the Gospel instead of 'for Jesus'?  
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5. Does it matter if we hear the Gospel from the mouth of a hypocrite or from the mouth of a righteous preacher?  
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6. How is Paul still able to rejoice, when he is imprisoned for preaching the Gospel?  
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7. Do these verses contain law, gospel, or both?  
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