

## Lesson 89 Answers and Comments

Ready	preached	gospel
Preach	preach	regions
Gospel	gospel	come
Readiness	necessity	far
Will	laid	you
Ready	preach	preaching
Willing	not	gospel
Flesh	gospel	
Weak	speak	
Flesh	command	
Spirit	word	
Spirit	heart	
Flesh	fire	
Contrary	could	
But	not	
Led	stay	
Spirit	spoken	
Preached	prophecy	
Gospel	speak	
Preach	seem	
Gospel	heard	
Preach	heed	
Gospel	ministry	
Preach	fulfil	
Gospel	partaker	
Preach	afflictions	
Word	gospel	
Gospel	preach	

Paul certainly was all about preaching the gospel. I Cor. 9:16 “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” When Paul came to Athens and beheld the city wholly given to idolatry his spirit stirred in him and he began to preach unto them Jesus and the resurrection. As we look around us what do we see? Yes, a world that needs to hear the preaching of the cross. May our hearts be stirred and our lives be compelled to preach the gospel of the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

## Lesson 90 Fellowship in the Gospel

Phil. 1:5, "For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;"

We have been studying through some of the references that Paul makes regarding the gospel. We've seen that Paul emphasizes the importance of knowing and preaching the gospel that God committed unto him, Rom. 16:25, Gal. 1:6-9, Gal. 2:7. Paul refers to the gospel he preaches as "my gospel", Rom. 2:16, II Tim. 2:8. We've seen that Paul refers to the gospel not only as God's message to us regarding salvation but also as the body of truth, the mystery, that God revealed to him, Rom. 16:25, 26.

In our verse in Phil. 1:5 we are going to see that as members of the body of Christ we participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. Paul uses the word fellowship about 10 times in his epistles.

What are the 2 words that make up the word fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Fellows together in a ship would be a good picture to have in our minds when we think of the word fellowship. The "ship" that we as members of the body of Christ are gathered together in is the "gospel".

As believers we are united in fellowship in the gospel. Nothing can alter this glorious unity of each and every member of the body of Christ.

Phil. 1:6 "Being \_\_\_\_\_ of this very thing, that he which hath begun a \_\_\_\_\_ in you will \_\_\_\_\_ it until the day of Jesus Christ." We, as believers, are joined together eternally because God is faithful to perform the good work that He began in us!

There is a conversation, a life, that becomes the believer who has participated in this fellowship in the gospel.

In Philippians 1:27-30 we find that the Philippians in vs. 27 \_\_\_\_\_ fast in one spirit, with one \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

What a picture of fellows in a ship. A joint, united, group of believers standing fast, having one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel! The faithfulness, dedication, singleness of mind and purpose, the fervency of spirit, all regarding the gospel, is what united these Philippian believers. As long as the gospel remains the priority, the cause, the reason for being together, believers will be willing to even suffer for the gospel's sake.

Phil. 1:29, "For unto you it is \_\_\_\_\_ in the behalf of Christ, not only to \_\_\_\_\_ on him, but also to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_."

Paul says in Phil. 1:27 that the attributes of standing \_\_\_\_\_, having one \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ together are the things that should make up the life or \_\_\_\_\_ of a believer. This conversation becomes the gospel of Christ. In contrast to this we see in Phil. 2:3 "Let nothing be done through \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_..." If believers are self focused, sensitive, insecure and desirous of vain glory then we detract from the gospel. Instead of a life that becomes the gospel, our life will be unbecoming to the gospel.

Gal. 5:26, "Let us \_\_\_\_\_ be desirous of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ one another, \_\_\_\_\_ one another." If these things are a part of our life then we will be about ourselves and our conversation will not become the gospel.

Provoking, envying one another, and seeking after vain glory will not produce a life that becomes the gospel. Nit picking at other saints is a provoking activity.

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In Phil. 1:27, the conversation of the believers was something Paul was interested in. He says that, "...whether I come and \_\_\_\_\_ you, or else be \_\_\_\_\_, I may \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_..." Yes, our "affairs" are something others can behold first hand or that others can hear about. Paul says our conversation should be as it \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. Standing fast in one spirit, having one mind and striving \_\_\_\_\_ for the faith of the gospel defines a life that is becoming to the gospel.

Phil. 2:21 is still true today, "For all \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_ which are \_\_\_\_\_."

When believer's are more interested in their own things, whether it's their pride, importance, wealth, etc. the things of the Lord are soon abandoned.

Paul had no such concern for Timothy. We see in Phil. 2:22, "But ye \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that as a \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_, he hath \_\_\_\_\_ with me in the \_\_\_\_\_."

Timothy had stood the test of faithful service with the apostle Paul. The Philippian believers could attest to this, they knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of Timothy. There is a value to be placed on the faithfulness of service exhibited in the life of a believer.

In I Cor. 4:17 "For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord..." There was a faithfulness to the Lord in Timothy's life that was a proof that his conversation was one that "becometh the gospel."

I Thes. 3:2 "And sent Timotheus, our brother, and \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and our \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, to \_\_\_\_\_ you, and to \_\_\_\_\_ you concerning your faith:"

Paul did not want anything that he did in his life to hinder the gospel.

I Cor. 9:12 "...Nevertheless we have not used this power; but \_\_\_\_\_ all things, lest we should \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ."

Believers should consider the cost to the gospel before choosing a course of action. We should never do anything that will result in the hindering of the gospel.

Read I Cor. 9:19-23. A heart that beats for the salvation of others will gladly give up it's own rights, will deny itself, will be willing to become all things to all men, why? Vs. 23 "And this I do for the \_\_\_\_\_ sake..." Before we do anything it would be prudent to ask ourselves, "Will I be hindering the gospel by this?" Or, "Am I doing this for the sake of the gospel?" Is the "sake of the gospel" our first priority?

In our verse in Phil. 1:5 we read, "For your fellowship in the gospel from the \_\_\_\_\_ day until \_\_\_\_\_;"

Paul reminds the Philippians of their security in the fellowship of the gospel!

What peace and joy should flood our soul as we meditate on this truth. Yes, our conversation, our life, should be one that becomes the gospel, but regardless of our faithfulness, God is faithful!

## Lesson 90 Continued

I Cor. 1:8, 9 “Who shall also \_\_\_\_\_ you unto the \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may be \_\_\_\_\_ in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ vs. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, by whom ye were \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of his son Jesus Christ our Lord.”