

# Philippians 1:17-20

Philippians 1:17 - “The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.”

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	1537 [e]	2052 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]	2605 [e]	3756 [e]	55 [e]	3633 [e]
hoi	de	ex	eritheias	ton	Christon	katangellousin	ouch	hagnōs	oiomenoi
17 οἱ	δὲ	ἐξ	ἐριθείας	τὸν	Χριστὸν	καταγγέλλουσιν ,	οὐχ	ἀγνῶς ,	οἰόμενοι
the [former]	however	out of	self-interest	-	Christ	are proclaiming	not	purely	supposing
Art-NMP	Conj	Prep	N-GFS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PIA-3P	Adv	Adv	V-PPM/P-NMP

2347 [e]	1453 [e]	3588 [e]	1199 [e]	1473 [e]
thlipsin	egeirein	tois	desmois	mou
θλίψιν	ἐγείρειν	τοῖς	δεσμοῖς	μου .
tribulation	to add	to the	chains	of me
N-AFS	V-PNA	Art-DMP	N-DMP	PPro-G1S

- Paul’s supporters knew Paul was in prison for the defense of the gospel (1:16)
- Paul’s opposition hoped to “stir up trouble” for Paul “while he was in chains.” (1:17)
- The opposition were likely “leaders” and factions within the church of Rome wanting to maintain their place or power or establish a position of authority. They saw Paul as a challenge, but embraced his message and his Christ. (The opposition could not have been Judaizers. Consider Galatians refutation of them.)

Philippians 1:18 - “What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,”

5101 [e]	1063 [e]	4133 [e]	3754 [e]	3956 [e]	5158 [e]	1535 [e]	4392 [e]	1535 [e]	225 [e]	5547 [e]
ti	gar	plēn	hoti	panti	tropō	eite	prophasei	eite	alētheia	Christos
18 τί	γάρ ?	πλὴν	ὅτι	παντὶ	τρόπῳ ,	εἴτε	προφάσει	εἴτε	ἀληθείᾳ ,	Χριστὸς
what	then	Only	that	in every	way	whether	in pretext	or	in truth	Christ
IPro-NNS	Conj	Conj	Conj	Adj-DMS	N-DMS	Conj	N-DFS	Conj	N-DFS	N-NMS

2605 [e]	2532 [e]	1722 [e]	3778 [e]	5463 [e]	235 [e]	2532 [e]	5463 [e]
katangelletai	kai	en	toutō	chairō	alla	kai	charēsomai
καταγγέλλεται .	καὶ	ἐν	τούτῳ	χαίρω .	ἀλλὰ ,	καὶ	χαρήσομαι .
is proclaimed	and	in	this	I rejoice	yes	and	I will rejoice
V-PIM/P-3S	Conj	Prep	DPro-DNS	V-PIA-1S	Conj	Conj	V-FIP-1S

- Paul is rejoicing for two reasons:
  - One, Christ is proclaimed
  - Two, “for I know that...this will turn out for my deliverance.” (next verse 1:19)
- There are two sections beginning with this verse:
  - 1:18b-24 -

- 1:18b-20 is one sentence.
- “I will continue to rejoice (JOY), for **I know...**”
- 1:25-26
  - 1:25-26 is one sentence, also
  - “Convinced (CONFIDENCE) of this, **I know...**”
  - “Joy” and “Confidence” are also expressed by Paul earlier in 1:4-6

**Philippians 1:19 - “for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,”**

1492	1063	3754	3778	1473	576	1519	4991	1223	3588	4771	1162	
oída	gar	hoti	touto	moi	apobēsetai	eis	sōtērian	dia	tēs	hymōn	deēseōs	
19 οἶδα	γὰρ	ὅτι	τοῦτό	μοι	ἀποβήσεται	εἰς	σωτηρίαν	, διὰ	τῆς	ὑμῶν	δεήσεως	,
I know	indeed	that	this	for me	will turn out	to	salvation	through	–	your	prayer	
V-RIA-1S	Conj	Conj	DPro-NNS	PPro-D1S	V-FIM-3S	Prep	N-AFS	Prep	Art-GFS	PPro-G2P	N-GFS	

2532	2024	3588	4151	2424	5547	
kai	epichorēgias	tou	pneumatōs	Iēsou	Christou	
καὶ	ἐπιχορηγίας	τοῦ	πνεύματος	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	;
and	[the] provision	of the	Spirit	of Jesus	Christ	
Conj	N-GFS	Art-GNS	N-GNS	N-GMS	N-GMS	

- 1:18-19 - Paul is optimistic and positive (or, joyful and confident) because he fully anticipated deliverance or salvation.
  - Was this salvation eternal/spiritual or deliverance from prison/physical?
  - The word “know” (**oída**) refers to complete knowledge in the mind and not to the process of knowledge which come from experience which is the word **ginosko**. The word “know” in context shows Paul is confident in his knowledge.
  - “Salvation” can refer to physical deliverance from prison or ultimate spiritual salvation.
  - It is best here to understand “salvation” to refer to deliverance from prison because:
    - One, Rome had no hostility to Christians at this time.
    - Two, the Greek word naturally meant “deliverance from death” and “preservation in danger”
    - Three, verse 1:25 where Paul indicates he is certain he would remain on earth.
  - But, eschatological salvation is supported by these thoughts:
    - Paul’s words are similar to Job 13:13-18 (especially in the LXX). So, just as people opposed Job, there were also people opposing Paul. Yet, both knew the circumstances would result in salvation and vindication.
    - 1:19, the word “this” in “this will turn out for my deliverance” is a pronoun that is connecting to the two sided preaching of Christians in Rome in 1:16-17. People were talking about Paul, both accusing him and claiming him to be righteous.
    - This would mean Paul was confident of his salvation in spite of the court’s ruling.
    - Paul’s concern was the preaching of Christ, not his own personal welfare.
    - “Salvation” is a word that is consistently used of ultimate salvation before God.
  - Prayers of Philippians and Help of the Spirit
    - “Prayers” and “supply” are sharing the same preposition and article. They are joined with the word “and”.
    - This indicates the Philippians and the Holy Spirit were working together
    - “Help” from the Spirit is connected to the “prayers” of the saints.
    - Consider Galatians 3:5

**Philippians 1:20 - “as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”**

2596 [e]	3588 [e]	603 [e]		2532 [e]	1680 [e]	1473 [e]	3754 [e]	1722 [e]	3762 [e]	153 [e]
kata	tēn	apokaradokian		kai	elpida	mou	hoti	en	ouden	aischynthēsomai
<b>20</b> κατὰ	τὴν	ἀποκαρᾰδοκίαν		καὶ	ἐλπίδα	μου	, ὅτι	ἐν	οὐδενὶ	αἰσχυνθήσομαι
according to	the	earnest expectation		and	hope	of me	that	in	nothing	I will be ashamed
Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS		Conj	N-AFS	PPro-G1S	Conj	Prep	Adj-DNS	V-FIP-1S

235 [e]	1722 [e]	3956 [e]	3954 [e]		5613 [e]	3842 [e]	2532 [e]	3568 [e]	3170 [e]		5547 [e]	1722 [e]
all'	en	pasē	parrēsia		hōs	pantote	kai	nyn	megalynthēsetai		Christos	en
ἀλλ'	ἐν	πάσῃ	παρρησία		, ὡς	πάντοτε	, καὶ	νῦν	, μεγαλυνθήσεται		Χριστὸς	ἐν
but	in	all	boldness		as	always	also	now	will be magnified		Christ	in
Conj	Prep	Adj-DFS	N-DFS		Adv	Adv	Conj	Adv	V-FIP-3S		N-NMS	Prep

3588 [e]	4983 [e]	1473 [e]	1535 [e]	1223 [e]	2222 [e]	1535 [e]	1223 [e]	2288 [e]	
tō	sōmati	mou	eite	dia	zōēs	eite	dia	thanatou	
τῷ	σώματί	μου	, εἴτε	διὰ	ζωῆς	εἴτε	διὰ	θανάτου	.
the	body	of me	whether	by	life	or	by	death	
Art-DNS	N-DNS	PPro-G1S	Conj	Prep	N-GFS	Conj	Prep	N-GMS	

This section focuses on Paul's hope