

GOING FOR THE GOLD

Philippians 1: 12-30

More than anything else, Paul's desire as a missionary was to preach the Gospel in Rome. The hub of the great Empire, Rome was the key city of its day. If Paul could conquer it for Christ, it would mean reaching millions with the message of salvation. It was critically important on Paul's agenda, for he said, "After I have been there [Jerusalem], I must also see Rome" ([Act 19:21](#)). From Corinth he wrote, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready [eager] to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also" ([Rom 1:15](#)). (*Wiersbe*)

I. THE REVELATION OF GOD'S GLORY THROUGH AFFLICTION (1:12-18)

A. Imprisoned for the purpose of spreading the Gospel
(1:12-13)

B. Imprisoned for the purpose of others spreading the Gospel (1:14)

II. THE PATHWAY TO DELIVERANCE FOR GOD'S DIVINE PURPOSE (1:19-26)

A. Confidence in deliverance for the spread of the Gospel
(1:19)

1. Confidence through the prayers of other Christians

2. Confidence through the supply of the Spirit of Christ

B. Confidence that Christ would be exalted in Paul's dedication (1:20)

1. Earnest expectation and hope to be unashamed of the Gospel

2. Earnest expectation and hope to boldly speak the Gospel

3. Willingness to live or die for God's glory and the Gospel's

III. THE CHALLENGE TO TOTALLY SURRENDER ONE'S LIFE FOR THE GOSPEL

(1:27-30)

A. Letting your life be a godly testimony to the Gospel

B. Striving together for the faith of the Gospel

C. Not letting yourself be terrified by your adversaries

D. Willing to suffer for the cause of Christ at all cost