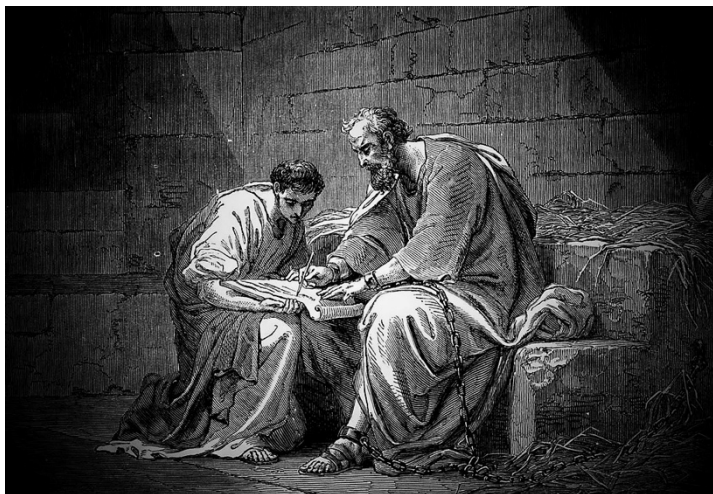


PAUL WROTE TO THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI
DURING HIS FIRST ROMAN IMPRISONMENT
(ca. A.D. 60-62)!



St. Paul In Prison, by Gustave Dore, circa 1850



Praetorians Relief, from Rome, circa AD 51–52

PAUL LED MANY OF THE PRAETORIAN
GUARDS WHO GUARDED HIM TO CHRIST.

My imprisonment for Christ has become known throughout the whole
praetorian guard, **Philippians 1:3**

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday December 15, 2024

Sermon Outline

"Problems In The Good Church
At Philippi!" **Pt. 2**

- Various Passages -
(Problems in the Church Series)

I. THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI WAS A GOOD CHURCH

**A. Paul Commends It At The Beginning Of His
Letter**

- 1. He remembers them with joy in his prayers,
1:4**
- 2. They became involved with Paul in the
beginning of his ministry there, v-5**
- 3. God had begun the good work in them, v-6**

**B. They Ministered To Paul In His Imprisonment
And Defense And Confirmation Of The Gospel,
v-7**

**C. They Were A Spiritually Growing Church, v-8-10;
Cf. Rev. 3:8, 11**

**II. THEY WERE AFFECTED WITH SELFISHNESS AND
THEIR OWN PERSONAL AMBITIONS, 2:3, 4**

A. The Essence Of Sin Is Selfishness, 2:3a

B. They Lacked True Humility, v-2:3b, 4

**C. They Needed To Follow Christ's Example Of True
Humility, v-5; Cf. Heb. 12:1, 2**

- 1. Paul said it clearly, v-5**
- 2. In every sense Christ was equal with God
and claimed it, during His Ministry,
Jn. 5:18; Jn. 10:33, 38; Jn. 14:9; Jn. 20:28**
- 3. They were threaten to miss the essence of
their spiritual race, --God at work in them,
v-2:12, 13; Cf. Eph. 2:10**

**D. They Were Grumbling And Disputing With Each
Other, v-14**

- 1. They were not showing themselves as the
Children of God, v-15**

2. They were missing their purpose from God,
to hold fast to the message of God's Salvation
in Christ, v-16