

## Series: Expositions from Philippians

### Message 03: Intentional Partnership (Phil 1:5,7)

#### Phil 1:4-7

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now... It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you **share in God's grace** with me.*

#### INTRODUCTION

##### I. INTENTIONAL PARTNERS IN PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT

###### A. THE SPOKEN REASON WHY PAUL WAS IN PRISON AND HOW THE PHILIPPIANS BECAME PARTNERS WITH HIM

*"Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished..." (Gal 5:11-13).*

Reason why Paul opposed circumcision: It places the Gospel under bondage.

Reason why supporters of circumcision have such a strong voice: It makes Christianity legal.

###### B. THE UNSPOKEN REASON WHY PAUL WAS IN PRISON AND HOW THE PHILIPPIANS BECAME PARTNERS WITH HIM.

*"Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?'" (Acts 26:28)*

*"But before all this occurs, ... you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. **This will give you an opportunity to testify...**" (Luke 21:12-15).*

##### II. INTENTIONAL PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

###### A. DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL

###### B. CONFIRMATION OF THE GOSPEL

#### CONCLUSION

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

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