

PHILIPPIANS... PART V
FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR A JOYFUL LIFE (cont'd)

Reference: **Philippians 1:12-26**

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Essential One... Paul had a divine perspective on his circumstances
verses twelve through **fourteen...**

Essential Two... Paul focused on _____ really _____, and what matters is the gospel of Jesus Christ
verses fifteen through **eighteen...**

Definition: the gospel of Jesus Christ is the exciting and good announcement that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and then resurrected from the dead and through believing (or trusting) Him (Jesus) and that gospel someone can receive _____.

Because of Paul's imprisonment more and more Christians on the outside were being emboldened to evangelize. In this section Paul divided those who preached the gospel into two basic categories:

Group One were those individuals who preached the gospel but did it for all the _____
i.e. his detractors

Group Two were those individuals who preached the gospel but did it for all the _____
i.e. his supporters

But Group One had some serious problems

- These people were _____
verse fifteen, "*Some indeed preach Christ even from **envy...***"
- These people were _____
verse fifteen, "*Some indeed preach Christ even from **envy and strife.***"

- These people had _____
verse sixteen, "*The former preach Christ from **selfish ambition**, not sincerely*"
- These people had a desire to _____
verse sixteen b, "*supposing to **add affliction** to my chains;*"

Paul summed up his feelings toward his critics in **verse eighteen** and what mattered to him most was the gospel