

Sunday AM, February 22, 2026
Christ Over Competition – Philippians 1: 15-18

Today's Truth: A heart captive to Christ rejoices in the progress of the gospel--even when that progress is driven by people with less than perfect motives.

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¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

I. Some gospel preachers seek their own glory (v.15-17)

A. Their message is sound (v.15)

B. Their methods are scriptural (v.15)

C. But their motives are sinister (v.15-17)

1. They are motivated by envy (v.15)

2. They are motivated by rivalry (v.15)

3. They are motivated by selfish ambition (v.17)

4. They are motivated by malice (v.17)

II. Other gospel preachers seek the glory of Christ (v.15-17)

A. Their message is sound... (v.15)

B. Their methods are scriptural (v.15)

C. Their motives are sincere (v.15-17)

1. They are motivated by good will (v.15)

2. They are motivated by love (v.16)

3. Summary: their motives are pure (v.17)

III. All godly Christians should rejoice whenever the gospel advances (v.18)