


# A Prison Letter



 A Tapestry Study of the  
Letter to the Philippians

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become

*Philippians 1:12-29*

confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former

*Philippians 1:12-29*

preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

*Philippians 1:12-29*

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,  
<sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers  
and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus  
Christ what has happened to me will turn  
out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect  
and hope that I will in no way be  
ashamed, but will have sufficient courage  
so that now as always Christ will be

*Philippians 1:12-29*

exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more

*Philippians 1:12-29*

necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

*Philippians 1:12-29*

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who

*Philippians 1:12-29*



oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

*Philippians 1:12-29*

# L'Inconnue de la Seine



the unknown woman of the Seine





**WHY ME?**

# la·ment

lə'ment/ *noun*

I. a passionate expression of  
grief or sorrow



The Lone Ranger tries to recite Isaiah 3:11.

Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them!  
They will be paid back for what their hands have done.



**WHY ME?**





Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

*Hebrews 13:3*



Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

*Philippians 1:12*

advance

verse 12


progress

verse 25

...this happened so that the works of  
God might be displayed in him.

*John 9:3b*

# The Kingdom of Christ

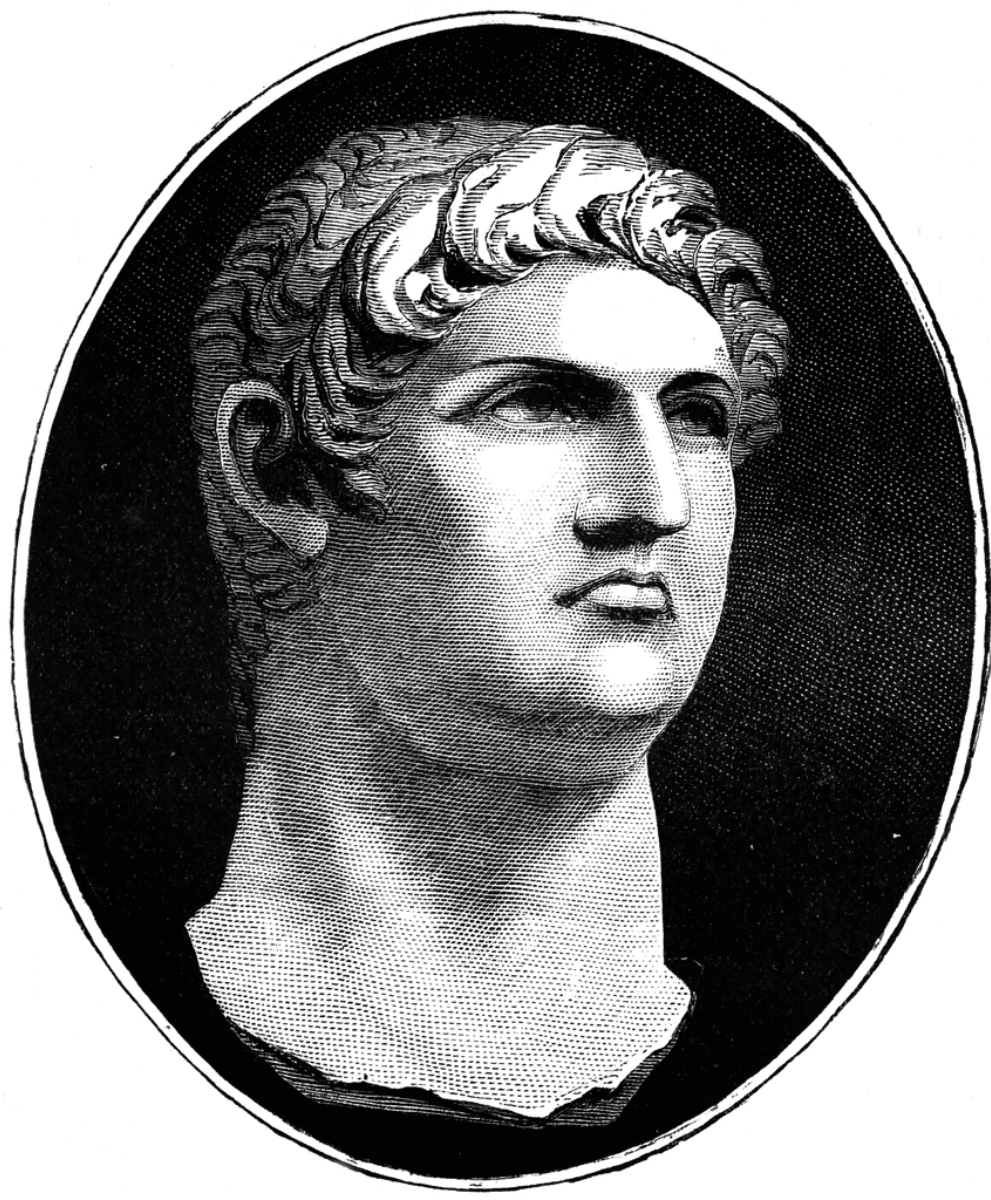


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Purity of Heart is to will  
**ONE THING**

• Søren Kierkegaard •









Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.


*Jeremiah 31:13*





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