Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & Phil. 1:18-30
Singing: 374:1, 4, 5 – 322:3-4 – 120:1-4 – 203:1-5 – 69:1,2, 4, 6

Let us Study Philippians (7)

PAUL'S TRIPLE TESTIMONY
I. He is confident II. He is needy II. He has single minded

I. Paul is confident
A. His confidence is expressed in his 'knowing' (vs. 19)
   1. Almost sounds like the wrong word for so far nothing seems to go right

   2. Yet Paul wrote *I know*
      a. how can he be so confident – convinced?

      b. Paul's testimony is God's reassuring us who look to God not to doubt

B. What is he confident about?
   1. About his salvation
      a. what is not meant with this (vs. 20-21)

      b. what is meant with this: *his spiritual profit*

   2. How confident are we about God at work to perfect our salvation?

II. He is needy
A. Though confident, Paul is still dependent: vs. 19b
   1. While Paul prayed for Phil, he also needed their prayer (1 Tim. 6:13-14)

   2. Yet again he is confident and hopeful about the answer (Matt. 10:19,20)

B. Paul's need is our need and Paul's request for help is to be ours also.

III. Paul is single-minded
A. Paul did not focus on the deliverance of his trials: what then?
    1. vs. 20: *that in nothing I shall be ashamed but magnify Christ with boldness*
        a. what would shame Paul most?

        b. what therefore did he intense crave the most as he faced the future?

    2. His single-minded focus: *to magnify Christ (vs 20-21)*
        a. what is to magnify Christ?

        b. why was this so important to Paul?

B. Is our main concern and delight anywhere close to Paul's? (vs. 21)

Living the truth …
A. Paul's answer on, *"What think ye of Christ?"* was not always vs. 21!
    1. What is your *personal* answer today?
        a. if unregenerate, Jesus is not more than a five-letter word

        b. once regenerate, we die like Paul in Romans 7:9
            For I was alive without the law once: but when the
            commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

        c. when God reveals Jesus to us, we become like Paul: Phil. 3:8-10

B. Why do we review this portrait of Saul-Paul?