[1]Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:[2]Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.[3]I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,[4]Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,[5]For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;[6]Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:
[7]Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.[8]For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.[9]And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;[10]That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;[11]Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.[12]But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;[13]So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;[14]And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.[15]Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:[16]The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:[17]But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.[18]What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.[19]For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,[20]According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.[21]For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.[22]But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.[23]For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:[24]Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.[25]And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;[26]That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.[27]Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;[28]And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.[29]For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;[30]Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.