**112** I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, **13** so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. **14** And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

**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.

Yes, and I will rejoice,   
**19** for I know that through your prayers  
 and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ   
 this will turn out for my deliverance,   
 **20** as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed,   
 but that with full courage now as always   
 Christ will be honored in my body,   
 whether by life or by death.   
 **21** For to me   
 to live is Christ, and   
 to die is gain.   
 **22** If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.   
 Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. **23** I am hard pressed between the two.   
 My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.   
 **24** But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.   
 **25** Convinced of this, I know that   
 I will remain and   
 continue with you all,   
 for your progress and   
 joy in the faith,   
 **26** so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus,   
 because of my coming to you again.