

Philippians –

Above the Circumstances!

Chained Yet Free – 1:12-18

*Life is tough – but God is both good and on the throne,
working out His purposes for our good and for His glory!*

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- A visit long desired and planned for ...
but under very different circumstances!
- House arrest – chained day and night to soldiers
 - Like a criminal (II Tim 2:9)
 - Humiliating, disgraceful, off-putting (see II Tim 1:16)
 - Remember my chains! (Col 4:18)

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- Things are not as they seem
- The talk of the town (see vs. 13,14)
- Chains for Christ
Rom 8:28,37; Gen 50:20; Isaiah 55:8,9; Jer 29:11
- The truth that sets us free (Jn 8:31):
God is at work even in our chains –
for our good and His glory

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- Christian troublemakers
- Evil motives (but no heresy)
See II Cor 12:20; II Tim 6:4
- It doesn't matter!
- Not a victim!

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What are the 'chains' in your life?

... those binding, constraining, unwanted circumstances you may find yourself in...

The truth that sets us free:

God knows what He is doing. God does exactly what He pleases. And exactly what He pleases is our good and His glory!