

DECEMBER 27

## **“THE ONLY ANTIDOTE IS FOR THE TRUTH TO BE PROCLAIMED.”**

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### **READ**

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Your enemy is not the agnostics and atheists in the world. The enemies of the cross of Christ are sitting on church pews; they are standing in pulpits preaching another gospel. The enemy is those who look and sound like Christians but aren't living the life or preaching the truth. Paul was tied to a whipping post and beaten, but he did not cry. He rejoiced in the Lord when they put him in the innermost prison in chains. He sang a song at midnight. He was on a boat about to go down in a storm, yet he gave God the glory. What grieved Paul was that in the congregation of the righteous, there were hypocrites, liars, false prophets, and false teachers who were fooling God's people. He wept over it. Paul knew the only antidote is for real Christians to stand fast in the Lord and tell the truth.

### **PRAY**

Lord, You warned us about false prophets and teachers. I pray for discernment to see them for who they really are. You have given us the whole counsel of God, so may I search the Scriptures daily and study to show myself approved so that I can stand fast in the truth.

*From November 6, 2005*