## LIKE-MINDED AMBASSADORS

(Part 1)

Philippians 2:17-30

## I. Paul – vs. 17-18

## A. Poured out as a sacrifice

2 Corinthians 2:4

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Philippians 2:16

1 Timothy 1:15

1 Corinthians 11:1

Spéndomai – Offer a <u>libation</u>

Jeremiah 7:18

Numbers 15:1-10

*Thysía* – the act of a <u>sacrifice</u>

*Romans* 12:1

*Leitourgía* – <u>service</u>, ministry, performance of religious duty

2 Corinthians 9:12

Philippians 1:25-30

## B. Paul's joy

Philippians 1:3-4, 12-14, 17-18

Acts 5:41

2 Timothy 3:12

Philippians 1:20-21

Philippians 3:8

2 Corinthians 7:4

Colossians 1:24

James 1:2-4

Closing Thought: The Apostle Paul poured out his life in service to the Lord. Beloved, is that true of us? Are we following his example? Paul did this with great humility, acknowledging the sacrifice and service of his Phillipian brothers and sisters as greater than his. He boasted, not in himself, but rather in the Lord. How about us? He had great joy because of his suffering, not in spite of his suffering. How about us, do we suffer for our faith? If so, are we joyful because of that suffering, or in spite of it?