before) **to speak the word [of God] fearlessly.**

**15.]** The two classes mentioned here are not subdivisions of the  
“*brethren in the Lord*” above, but the  
first are a new class, over and beyond  
those *brethren*, and the second are identical with the *brethren* above. The first  
were the anti-pauline Christians, of whom  
we hear so often in the Epistles (see  
Rom. xiv.; 1 Cor. iii. 10 ff.; iv. 15; ix.  
1 ff.; 2 Cor. x. 1 ff.; xi. 1 ff. &c.).

**for envy and strife,** not strictly ‘*for  
the sake of*,’ so that they set envy (of me)  
and strife before them as their *object*—  
but ‘*in pursuance of’*—so **on account of,**—to forward and carry out.

**and some  
also,—on account of,** in pursuance of, **good  
will** (towards me).

**16, 17.]** The two  
classes here take up again those of the preceding verse, the last being treated first.  
**These last indeed** (preach Christ: omitted,  
as having just occurred: see below) **out  
of** (induced by) **love, knowing** (motive of  
their conduct) **that I am set** (not *‘lie in  
prison:’*—‘am appointed by God’) **for the  
defence** (as in ver. 7; see note there: helping me in the solemn matter of my account  
of my ministry to God) **of the Gospel:**

**17.] but the former out of self-seeking** (or  
‘intrigue:’ not ‘*contention*,’ as A. V.,  
which has arisen from a mistake as to  
derivation of the word, see note, Rom. ii.  
8) **proclaim Christ, insincerely, thinking**(explains *their insincerity*;—‘in that they  
think.’ In this expression is involved,  
‘they do not succeed in their purpose’) **to  
raise up tribulation for** (me in) **my bonds  
(i.e. endeavouring to take opportunity,** by  
my being laid aside, to depreciate me and  
my preaching, and so to cause me trouble  
of spirit).

**18.] What then** (i.e. ‘what  
is my feeling thereupon ?’)**?** **nevertheless**(literally **except that:** i.e. “nothing, except that:” notwithstanding this opposition to myself; it has no other result,  
than....)**, in every way** (of preaching;—  
from whatever motive undertaken and however carried out)**, in pretext** (with a by-motive, as in ver. 17)**, or in verity** (‘truth  
and sincerity of spirit’)**, CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED** (then these adversaries of the  
Apostle can hardly have been those against  
whom he speaks so decisively in Gal., and  
indeed in our ch. iii. 2, These men *preached  
Christ,* and thus forwarded, so far, the  
work of the Gospel, however mixed their  
motives may have been, or however imperfect their work)**; and in this I rejoice,  
yea, and I shall** (hereafter) **rejoice;**

**19.] for I know that this** (viz. the greater  
spread of the preaching of Christ, last mentioned, ver. 18) **shall turn out to my salvation (salvation** is variously interpreted: of  
*deliverance* from present custody: of *sustenance in life:* of *victory* over foes: of the  
*salvation of others.* But from the context  
it must refer to *his own spiritual good—*his own fruitfulness for Christ and glorification of Him, whether by his life or  
death ;—and so eventually his own *salvation,* in *degree* of blessedness, not in relation to the absolute fact itself) **through  
your prayer** (his affection leads him to  
make this addition—i.e., if you continue  
to pray for me;—not without the help of  
**your prayers:** see similar expressions,