

THE ARGVMENT OF THE EPISTLE OF S. PAVL TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

How S. Paul was called by a vifion into Macedonia, we read *Act. 16.* and how he came to Philippi being the firft citie therof, and of his preaching, miracles, and fuffering there. And againſt *Act. 19.* *Paul purpoſed in the Spirit, when he had paſſed through Macedonia and Achaia, to goe to Hieruſalem, ſaying: After I haue been there, I muſt ſee Rome alſo.* Which purpoſe he executed *Act. 20.* taking his leaue at Ephesus. And being afterward come into Achaia, *He had counſel to re- turne through Macedonia,* and ſo at length from Philippi he began his nauigation toward Hieruſalem, and from Hieruſalem being caried priſoner to Rome (*Act. 28.*) he wrote from thence this Epiftle to the Philippians: or rather in his ſecond apprehenſion; about 10. yeares after the firſt.

Eph. 3. In it he confirmeth them (as he did the Ephesians alſo about the ſame time) againſt the tentation that they might haue in hearing that he were executed. Therefore

Phil. 1. v. 12. he firſt faith: *And I wil haue you know, Brethren, that the things about me, are come to the more furtherance of the Ghospel: ſo that my bands were made manifeſt in Chriſt in al the Court &c.* Secondly he ſignifieth that

23. his deſire is, *to be diſſolued and to be with Chriſt.* But

26. yet (left they ſhould be diſcomforted) that he hopeth *to come againe to them.* Whereof, notwithstanding that

Phil. 2. v. 23. he hath yet no certaintie, he ſignifieth in ſaying: *I hope to ſend Timothee vnto you immediately as I ſhal ſee the things that concerne me.* Thirdly therefore he prepareth
17. them againſt the worſt, ſaying: *I hope to come againe to you: but and if I be immolated, vpon the ſacrifice and ſeruice of your faith, I reioyce and congratulate with you al, and the ſelf ſame thing doe you alſo reioyce and congratulate with me.*

Phil. 3. Moreouer he partly warneth them (as he had done before) of thoſe Iudaical Falſe-Apoſtles who preached circumciſion and Moyſes law to the Chriſtian Gentils: partly he exhorteth them to ſuffer perfecution, to liue

wel, and fpecially to humble themfelues one to another,
rather then by any pride to breake the peace & vnitie of
the Church.