

Series "Joy In Christ"
"Thank God For You"
Philippians 1:3-8
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Philippians 1:7 I have you in my heart,
8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ
Jesus.

The Same Apostle Paul wrote The Love Chapter:
1 Corinthians 13:4-5
Philippians 1:6

Philippians 1 – Joy In Living: Joy In Spite Of Unfulfilled Desires, Joy In Spite Of Circumstances, Joy In Spite Of Conflicts

Verses 1-2 Salutation: Introduction of Philippians
Verses 3-8 Thanksgiving: (Thank God For You)
Verses 9-11 Prayer:

Thought Of Our Passage: "Thankfulness For Christian Fellowship Leads To Thankfulness For God's Assurance He Will Complete His Work In Us."

- 1. Verses 3-5 Partnership:**
- 2. Verse 6 Confidence:**
- 3. Verses 7-8 Affection:**

1. Verses 3-5 Partnership:

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
Context – Paul introduced himself as a bond-servant (Slave, not Apostle) of Jesus Christ. He addresses his letter to ALL the believers (Saints) and Overseers (Pastors), deacons.

Thanking God For You: I thank my God

Paul opens in thanksgiving and prayed to God for these believers, as he always does, with exception of the Galatians (heresy) 2 Corinthians (Defense).

thank – "*continuous action in the present time*"

my God – source, always thanking!

in all my remembrance of you

Memory – Paul's memory of the Philippians that of thanksgiving for them.

Paul had some unpleasant memories in Philippi. **Philippians 1:7**

Notice the words: **You, all**, Paul's focus was on others.

Lack Of Joy Can Be Traced Back To Dwelling Upon Ourselves:

Philippians 1:4 Being Thankful Leads To Being Prayerful:

always offering prayer Paul's epistles are nothing short of prayer books. All throughout his epistles, Paul prays and mentions prayer.

Philippians 1:9; Eph 1:16; Col 1:3,9; 1 Thess 1:2; 2 Thess 1:11; Phi 4
(You can be thankful for someone, but not pray for them)

with joy "Joy" is the keynote of Philippians.

Now we see Paul's joy in prayer. Paul knew about prayer (**Acts 16:25**)

Where he and Silas were in prison praying and singing hymns to God, after being unjustly treated, beaten, and placed in prison.

In this letter **23 times** the words "**Joy**" and "**Rejoice**"

This could only be penned by one that had found Jesus Christ to be the source of all sufficiency. Paul's mood in prayer is joy.

every (Paul included them in his prayer when he prayed)

prayer for you all, (overseers, deacons, saints).

Supplication - high ambition for them led to prayer.

Prayer involves spending time with God.

Prison made Paul better, not bitter!

Philippians 1:5 The Basis Of His Prayers Was Their Partnership: reason for this relationship with these Philippians. **in view of your participation in the gospel** - Or "*Fellowship*" It is also rendered "*Cooperation*" or "*Participation*"

participation Greek word *koinonia* "**Fellowship**"

"communion, sharing of something, participating in something greater than the people involved. It is communion with God and others.

(Life of Jesus & Sharing Jesus)

Fellowship must advance the cause of Christ and stimulate spiritual growth!

Paul in Philippians mentions "Fellowship" three times in this letter.

1. Our Fellowship of The Gospel - Philippians 1:5

2. Our Fellowship of The Holy Spirit - Philippians 2:1

3. Our Fellowship Of Suffering - Philippians 3:10

"Real Fellowship" Expressed In Love:

Romans 12:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

participation in the gospel,

The Gospel is life-transforming "Good News" not "Good Views!"

The Saving Message/Forgiveness of Sins/Reconciled To God,

participation though Prayer, through

(Sharing your Faith), Giving Financially, and Bringing People to Jesus Christ!

"Real Fellowship" Expressed In Service: from the first day until now.

"Every convert became a missionary!"

first day until now.

They were not letting up; they were sharing the good news.

2. Verse 6 Confidence:

Philippians 1:6

Paul's Confidence: For I am confident – "persuaded" of this very thing,

Paul says, **(For I am) confident of this very thing,**
(Settled persuasion of the mind)

Where did Paul's confidence come from?

Words: Saints, Grace, Peace, Prayer, Joy

Philippians 1:5 the first day until now.

For ten years they have been sharing the Gospel and serving the Lord.

Salvation's process consists of three parts:

- 1. Work God does for us – Salvation (Foundation - Jesus 1 Cor 3:11)**
- 2. Work God does in us - Sanctification**
- 3. Work God does through us – Service/Ministry**

Ephesians 2:5 *The moment of our conversion. We were made alive.*

that He who began a good work (Salvation/At Conversion) in you

will perfect it – (Consummation)

"complete or accomplish, to bring about a result according to plan or objective"

1 Thessalonians 5:24; Psalm 138:8

Advent Hope: until the day of Christ Jesus.

This is the rapture of the church, (Resurrection of the dead) Bema Seat.

Phil 1:6, 10; 2:16; Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:3

3. Verses 7-8 Affection:

Philippians 1:7

"A sympathetic interest and concern, it is an action of the heart, as well as the intellect."

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
(On Paul's mind)

feel this way about you all

What does he mean by this? It takes us back to **Verse 6**

Hebrews 12:2

because I have you in my heart,

This speaks of the affection that Paul has.

The love of Jesus is evidence that we are born again.

1 John 3:14

2 Corinthians 10:5

When we gave our lives to Jesus, we also surrendered our thought life to Him. Philippians 4:6-9

**Suffering Membership: since both in my imprisonment
Romans 8:35-37**

and in the defense (Before Rome) - "Apologia" we get apologetics the defense against attacks which come from the outside. "logical, legal presentation of the truth"

1 Peter 3:15

**and confirmation of the gospel, confirmation –
"Building up of its strength from within."**

you all are partakers of grace with me.

Literal - "All of you being participants with me of grace."

The two great truths that this passage teaches:

1. We share in a gift - Eternal life through Jesus Christ.
2. We share in a task - The furtherance of the gospel.

Philippians 1:8 For God is my witness, "God is my record"

how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

God does not want us just to tolerate other Christians, but He would have us love them.

Literal translation is, "I yearn for you all with the bowels of Jesus Christ."

affection (Bowels) Greeks located the seat of the emotions, love, pity, and joy, in the "stomach-brain" intestines, the heart, and the liver. Seat of emotions.

Philippians 4:1

Application:

1. Being Thankful For Others Leads To Being Prayerful For Others.
2. Our Fellowship/Partnership With Other Christians Is Based Upon Our Fellowship In The Gospel. Born Again, Faith In God Through His Son's Death, Burial And Resurrection.
3. Believers' Confidence In God: **Philippians 1:6**
4. We Can Have People On Our Minds - We Can Have People On Our Nerves – But God Wants Us To Have People On Our Hearts.