



Philippians The Joy of Knowing Christ

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Thanksgiving and Prayer

Philippians 1:3-11

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Theme: This letter, like most of Paul’s letters, begins with a prayer and a petition. Though Paul sees great strengths in the Philippian church, he wants them to know that they, like us, can never become satisfied in their Christian growth. They, and we, must continue to strive to be more like Jesus every day.

Outline

1. Philippians – A Healthy Church (overview of 3-11)
 - a. Colossians 1:3-5
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3
 - c. Ephesians 1:15-18
 - d. Corinthian Church

- 2. Remembrance and Gratitude (verses 3-4)
- 3. Partners in the Gospel (verse 5)
- 4. Confidence that God Will Complete the Good Work (verse 6)
 - a. God Began the Good Work
 - b. Paul Witnessed the Manifestation of that Work
- 5. Partners in Suffering (verse 7)
- 6. The Depth of Paul's Love (verse 8)
- 7. Paul's Prayer for the Philippians (verses 9-11)
 - a. Love will overflow
 - b. Keep on Growing

Takeaway: **9** I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. **10** For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

Philippians 1:9-11

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Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel
Philippians 1:12-26

