

TOWARD A RADICAL UNITY

TRU-11 "Partners in HIS Grace"

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PHIL 1:3-8 "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4) always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5) because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7) It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8) For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus."

These verses are the foundation for Paul's prayer in **VERSES 9-10**. In all of Paul's Letters to the Churches, he consistently proclaims his "remembrance" of them... "thanking God" for what is being done **by** and **within** the Believers.

Paul was a "man of the heart," not a casual observer nor a stoic lecturer. He was "invested" in their lives as much as they were in his life and ministry. In many ways, he takes-on the role as a "Pastor."

HIS THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE

Vs3) I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...

Thanksgiving... - "What was done in the past with recognition of the present and expectation for the future..."

Remembrance... - Building a Memorial... Actively bringing to memory

Prayer... - "Deomai" - Supplication... a request arising from compassion and desire... "Pouring-out the Heart" - This is common prayer style in this Letter - His request is full of Passion & Power

JAMES 5:16 "The prayer (supplication) of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

[The effectual fervent prayer (supplication) of a righteous man avails much] NKJV

With Joy... - His prayer is not driven by concern or need for correction... it is a response to the "joy" he feels for their reception of the Gospel... and their continuing growth in God's grace... and their involvement in spreading the Gospel...

PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL...

Vs5) "...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Partnership... - from the word "Koinonia" - active participation in the lives of others - "fellowship" - not just a member of a group but one who shares in the life / need / activity of another

ACTS 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

In the Gospel... - They did not limit their "participation" only to the other members of the Church...

They "willingly and actively" involved themselves in the continuing Ministry of Paul...

- **Intense supplication** for Paul ... as if they were actively present with him in his work
- **Support** so that he is able to accomplish the work given to him... which was "Proclaiming the Gospel and establishing Churches" just as he had done in Philippi

WHAT GOD HAS STARTED... HE WILL COMPLETE

Vs6) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- **God not Man** was the originator of the grace given to Paul and His Team as they first ministered in Philippi...
- **God was the Power** behind the change that took place in the lives of **Lydia** and **her servants**... the **demon possessed girl**... the **Jailer and his family**...
- **God is the "The Who"** that is building the "BODY" in their City

HE will “bring it to completion...” – “Epiteleg” - To thoroughly finish... Fulfill all that is necessary for the work to be completed...

AT the Day of Christ Jesus... - this work will continue until it is finally reached the ultimate goal - At the **RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH...**

Vs7b) “...for you are all partakers with me of grace WITH me of [HIS] Grace...

Partakers - “fellow-participation / direct reception of the same as another” - what Paul HAS received and IS receiving is the SAME that they will receive

➤ **GRACE OF SALVATION...**

Ephesians 2:8-10

➤ **GRACE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNCTION AS INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF HIS BODY...**

Romans 12:3-8

➤ **GRACE TO OVERCOME IN ANY TRIAL OR WEAKNESS...**

2 COR 12:9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you. for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOD IS MY WITNESS...

Vs8) For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.”

“God is my witness...” - This is a common phrase found in Paul’s Letters when he wants to intensify the statements he is making. He means: “If God were here, He would confirm what I am saying.”

“How I yearn...” – “Epipotheo” – An intense longing or desire – Here it is in regard to being present with someone who is distant

“With the affections of Christ Jesus...” – from “Splanchnon”- deep compassion that flows-out to another... Here “in the same way that they flow-out to you from Christ Jesus”