

## Paul and His Prayers – Part 1 (Philippians 1:3-8)

Last Sunday we introduced Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi.

- I. Paul's Mindset as a Servant (Philippians 1:1)
  - A. He was Submissive in Life to God—"Servants of Jesus Christ" (Php 1:1)
  - B. He was Satisfied with His Life for God—"I have learned...to be content" (Php 4:10-23)
- II. Paul's Message to the Saints (Php 1:1b-2)
  - A. Who the Letter was for—"the saints in Christ Jesus" (Php 1:1b)
  - B. What the Letter said—"Grace and Peace" (Php 1:2)

Paul humbled himself to the Father's will and in turn the grace that he desired for the church was abounding in his life. Thus he was satisfied with the life that the Lord called him to live.

### I. His Prayer of \_\_\_\_\_—He was \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 1:3-8)

#### A. Paul speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:3-4)

##### 1. His \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:3)

"upon every remembrance of you" – Here we see the \_\_\_\_\_ heart of Paul as he gives thanks for these believer who were so dear to him.

##### 2. His \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:4)

"making request with joy" – Paul had an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart.

#### B. Paul speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:5-6)

##### 1. That of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:5)

The testimony of the Philippian church was that they were \_\_\_\_\_ in their walk with the Lord.

##### 2. That of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:6)

He was \_\_\_\_\_ in God's faithfulness which gave him joy and encouragement.

**Psalm 118:8** *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.*

Cf. Proverbs 3:25-26

Notice that his confidence was rightly placed—it was in the Lord. He was confident...

- ❖ that the Lord has a good \_\_\_\_\_ for his life (Rom 8:28).
- ❖ that what God had \_\_\_\_\_ He would \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:6; 1Th 5:24).
- ❖ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Rom 8:35-39; Eph 3:18-19).
- ❖ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ of His promises (Rom 4:21).
- ❖ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Eph 3:20).
- ❖ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through Christ (1Ti 1:15; Tit 2:14).
- ❖ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Rom 4:6-8).

The "good work" of God is \_\_\_\_\_ us into the image of His dear Son—which brings Him \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.

Cf. John 6:29

**Philippians 2:13** For it is **God** which worketh [*energizes*] in you both to will [*intentional, planned purpose*] and to do [*the power*] of **His** good pleasure [*perfect will*].

### C. Paul speaks of \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. He \_\_\_\_\_ them

"in defence and confirmation of the Gospel" – giving an \_\_\_\_\_ for one's faith and standing \_\_\_\_\_

"ye are partakers of my grace" –

#### 2. He \_\_\_\_\_ for them

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ after the those in the Philippian church with the compassion of Christ as he loved them dearly.

### **Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message:**

1. What was Paul's desire for the Philippians saints (Php 1:9)?
2. What kind of lives did Paul desire to see these saints living?
3. What did Paul desire to see in their lives?