

Learning to Love Christians

Paul's Thanksgiving and Affection for the Philippians in 1:3-8. Part 2, v5-6

Introduction

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

#1 Thank God for _____ in them

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1st _____ for them with Joy

4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all

2nd Rejoicing over their _____ to Christ and His Cause

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1 _____ with the Gospel

v5a in view of your participation in the gospel

'A' True fellowship is material and PERSONAL

Philippians 4:14 you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

'B' True fellowship is GOSPEL centered

Philippians 1:27 they were contending for the gospel

2 _____ with the Gospel

5b in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now

Philippians 4:16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

2 Corinthians 11:9 when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone; for when the brethren came from Macedonia, they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and will continue to do so.

Matthew 6:21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also

#2 Never forget God is not _____ with them yet

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

John 10:27-28 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE DOCTRINE OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

CONFIDENT

BEGAN

GOOD WORK

Philippians 2:12 ... work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

1 Corinthians 12:12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

PERFECT, PERFORM, COMPLETE

UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS

2 Corinthians 5:8b ... to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:42 ... the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;

1:23 having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better

3:13 forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

#1 TEST YOUR COMMITMENT

#2 TEST YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

#3 TEST YOUR HEART

Questions to promote growth in Christlikeness - take time this week to answer...

- 1-Why did Paul write the words of verses 5-6 to the Philippians back then, and how does it apply to us today?
- 2-Why is a LOYALTY to the Gospel so important in the life of a genuine Christian and Church?
- 3-What does a loyalty to CHRIST and the GOSPEL look like practically in the life of a born again Christian?
- 4-How do faithful church attendance, sacrificial giving, and committed service relate to assurance of salvation?
- 5-How does verse 6 address assurance of salvation and perseverance of the saints, and what difference should it make?
- 6-In different words, why was Paul so encouraged by the Philippians in verses 5-6?
Are your church leaders as encouraged by you as Paul was by the Philippians - why or why not?

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