

April 3, 2016  
Philippians 1:1-11

## JOURNEY INTO JOY

### I. Introduction

### II. Paul Greet The Philippians With \_\_\_\_\_

1] “ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers<sup>[a]</sup> and deacons: 2] Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”  
Philippians 1:1-2

### III. Paul Offers \_\_\_\_\_ Thanks For Their Involvement In His Life:

A. He Had Happy \_\_\_\_\_ Of The People

3] **“I thank my God every time I remember you. 4] In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5] because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..”** Philippians 1:3-5

B. He Had An Unshakeable \_\_\_\_\_ In God

6] **“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 1:6

- C. He Had A Warm \_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ For His Fellow Believers

7] “ It is right for me **to feel** this way about all of you, since I have you **in my heart**; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8] God can testify how **I long for all of you** with **the affection** of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:7-8

#### IV. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ For Them

- A. He Prays That Their \_\_\_\_\_ Will Grow

9] “And this is my prayer: **that your love may abound more and more...**” Philippians 1:9

- B. He Prays That They Will Grow In \_\_\_\_\_

“...in knowledge and depth of insight, 10] so that you may be able to **discern** what is best....” Philippians 1:9-10

- C. He Prays That Their Characters Will \_\_\_\_\_

“ and may be **pure and blameless** until the day of Christ....” Philippians 1:10b.

- D. He Prays That They Will Live \_\_\_\_\_ Lives\_

“11] filled with the **fruit of righteousness** that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.” Philippians 1:11

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of April 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Open It:**

1. \*What's your usual way of saying hello to your friends?
2. In your family, how important are greetings in affirming each other?

**Explore It:**

3. Who was the author of the letter to the Philippians?  
(1:1)
4. \*How did Paul identify himself and his coworker? (1:1)
5. To whom did Paul address this letter? (1:1)
6. \*How did Paul greet the Philippians? (1:2)
7. When Paul thought about the Philippians, what did he do? (1:3)
8. How were the Philippians in partnership with Paul?  
(1:4-5)
9. \*What was Paul confident about? (1:6)
10. How did Paul feel about the Philippian church? (1:7-8)
11. What did Paul report that he prayed for? (1:9)
12. What two results did Paul seek? (1:10-11)

**Get It:**

13. How does your pastor greet church members?
14. Why is it a good practice to begin a letter with a Christian blessing?
15. \*What godly encouragement can you offer other Christians?
16. \*Paul complimented the church at Philippi; what positive things can you say about your congregation?
17. How is Paul's prayer for the Philippians a good prayer for you to copy?

**Apply It:**

18. What prayer of thanksgiving can you offer for your church today?
19. How can you encourage someone in his or her Christian journey this week?
20. \*Which Christian brother or sister would be heartened to receive a letter from you this week?