

Philippians 1:1-11
For the week of 9/20/26



Reflection

1. What were some of the insights for you from Sunday's sermon?

Note:

This letter was written by Paul to the church in Philippi (northeastern Greece) while he was in prison (most likely in Rome) around 60A.D.

Paul's letter to the Philippians exudes a joyful spirit and warm affection. As a "thank you" note to his friends for their generosity, Paul's letter wraps them in his warm embrace. Yet, as he affirms his friends, he also responds to their problems: rivalry and gossip in the church separate leaders; hostility and skepticism in the world challenge faith in Christ; and the spirituality of impressive religious leaders promoting legalistic false teaching.¹

¹ G. Walter Hansen, [*The Letter to the Philippians*](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Nottingham, England: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2009), 1.

Read verses 1-5.

Note: The Greek word for servants is *doulos* which can also be translated slave or bondservant.

2. Who are the saints?
3. Where do true grace and peace come from? Why?
4. What does the name Christ mean?
5. How does the repetition of the name (Christ Jesus, Christ Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ) present the theme that will run through Philippians?
6. Why is Paul expressing “thanks” and “joy” for the Philippian church?

Note:

The Greek word for “partnership” in verse 5 is *koinonia*.

7. What does *koinonia* mean?

Application

8. In your prayers, what are you consistently thankful and joyful for?

Read verse 6.

9. This is a very well-known verse and often quoted for personal application. However, how does this verse apply in the context of *koinonia*?

Read verses 7-8.

10. How are the Philippians “partakers” (root word *koinonia*) of grace (vs. 7) and how is Paul moved by the Philippians “*koinonia*” (vs. 8)?

Read verses 9-11.

11. How does Paul's prayer turn from thanksgiving to intercession?

12. What is Paul's prayer for the Philippian church?

Application

13. How is your love (agape) abounding more and more for Christ and one another?