

THE JOY OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Philippians 1:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

The Apostle Paul is identified as the author of the letter to the Philippians. He addressed this letter to the Christian Believers – The church at Philippi (v. 1) – including all Believers everywhere.

- I. **The Joyful Fellowship of Salvation** (vv. 1-2)
 - A. **“Saints in Christ Jesus”** (v. 1)
 - (1 Pet 1:15-16).
 - B. Christians rejoice together (Fellowship) in Salvation – You have been rescued from sin, death, and Hell.
 - (Phil 4:4; Luke 1:47; 1Thess 5:16).

- II. **The Joyful Fellowship of Recollection** (vv. 3-6)
 - A. **“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you”** (v. 3)
 - B. **Paul always mentioned the Philippian Believers in His prayers with joy** (v. 4).
 - C. **Intercessory Prayers – The act on praying on behalf of others.**
 - ❖ (1 Thess 5:17; Rom 15:30; Col 4:2-3).

- III. **The Joyful Fellowship of Co-Laboring** (vv. 7-8)
 - A. In **Defense** of the Gospel – defending against false teachings and doctrines.
 - B. In **Confirmation** of the Gospel – proclaiming the Word of God.
 - (1 Cor 15:12-13; 1 Cor 15:3-4; 1 Cor 3:9).

- IV. **The Joyful Fellowship of Prayer** (vv. 9-11)
 - A. **Prayer for an increase in love** (v. 9b)
 - (John 13:34-35).
 - B. **Prayer for an increase in judgment (Discernment)** – (v. 9b-10a)
 - (Phil 4:8).
 - C. **Prayer for an increase in sincerity** (v. 10b)
 - D. **Prayer for an increase in fruitfulness** (v. 11)
 - (John 15:4; Gal 5:22-23; 1 Cor 10:31; Col 1:13).

CONCLUSION:

- A. **Ours is a Fellowship in the Gospel**
- B. Christians – Be joyful for your Salvation which is only through Christ Jesus.
- C. **The Romans Road to Salvation: (Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10).**



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).