

Joy in the Gospel's Word (Philippians 1:1-11)

I. Introduction (1-2)

A. Servants of Christ

1. Slaves...ruled over
2. Ministers...work for Him

B. To the Saints

1. Made perfect in Christ
2. Those who lead them (elders, deacons)

II. Thankful For God's Work In Them (3-7)

A. The Philippians were Steadfast

1. He prays with joy for them
 - a. They helped with the gospel
 - i. From the first day until now = steadfast
 - ii. God did this in them
 - b. They are being perfected
 - i. God is still working in them

B. The Philippians were Servant Workers

1. He holds them in his heart
 - a. They helped in his imprisonment
 - b. they helped in defense of the gospel
 - c. They helped in the confirmation of the gospel
2. He Considers them partakers in Grace
 - a. They understand that works don't merit
 - b. They are working from grace not for it

III. Thankful For God's Continuing Work in Them (8-11)

A. Paul Desires Their Growth

1. He wants their love to grow
 - a. love grows in knowledge
 - b. love grows in discernment
 - i. Examine / to approve
2. He wants their love to be outwardly manifest

B. Paul Desires their Exaltation

1. Christ's Work in them Works
 - a. They Test what is good
 - i. This is proof of their standing
 - ii. sincere and blameless – on the day of Christ
 - iii. having been filled with evidence of righteousness
 - b. This only Comes through Jesus
 - c. This is only expressed for God's glory