

A Shared Joy

Philippians 1:1-11

1. A Shared **Identity** (v. 1-2)

- We are **slaves** set free, **saints** set apart, and **fellow travelers** set on the same path.

The Greek word for slave implies ownership, complete submission, and total dependence on the master. In the roman world, slavery was broad, people became slaves by birth, conquest, debt, or even voluntarily for provision and security.

Exodus 21:5-6: "But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever."

2. A Shared **Story** (v. 3-6)

- Justification: Saved from the **penalty** of sin (Romans 3:23-24)
- Sanctification: Being saved from the **power** of sin (Romans 6:6)
 - It's not **perfection**, but progression.
- Glorification: Will be saved from the **presence** of sin. (Romans 8:30; 1 John 3:2)

Christians are those who are saved, are being saved, and will be saved.

3. A Shared **Love** (v.7-11)

- A love that **flows** from Christ, **points** towards Him, **lasts** until Christ returns.

A Secret to Joy: The more we lean into Christ together as slaves set free, saints set apart, and as fellow travelers in life, the deeper and fuller our joy becomes.