

Partnership in the Gospel

THEMES FROM PHILIPPIANS

Phil 1:3-5

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now,



Gospel partnership means we share together in the mission, suffering, growth, generosity, and unity for the advancement of the Gospel.

Many Christians are spiritually stagnant not because they lack information, but because they lack meaningful participation in the life and mission of Christ with His people.

Being in partnership means...

1. Shared Mission

Phil 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving **side by side for the faith of the gospel,**

Many just want the 'benefits' of Christianity without participating in the mission of Christ.

Being in partnership means...

2. Generosity is essential

Basically 95% of the world live outside of the United States but only 5% of monies received by churches goes to reach that 95%. So 95% of the funds go to benefit 5% of the world's population.

Being in partnership means...

3. Shared Suffering

Phil 1:29

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

Being in partnership means...

4. Humility and Unity are required

Phil 2:3

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

**Division weakens gospel witness
and cooperation.**

Being in partnership means...

5. Shared Care and love

Being in partnership means...

6. Long-term faithfulness

Phil 1:5

5 because of your partnership in the gospel **from
the first day until now.**

Partnership is an enduring commitment