

Sermon Notes: Philippians 1:3-11

“The joy of Philippians is not private or inward-looking; it is deeply tied to what God is doing through His people.” Tim Keller

Outline: Watch The Gap

Gratitude

Assurance

Prayer

“Paul rarely thanked God for things. Paul thanked God for people, who, despite whatever trouble they may have been to him, remained a source of joy and thanksgiving.” Kent Hughes

“Thanks are the highest form of thought.” GK Chesterton

“Your faith will not fail while God sustains it; you are not strong enough to fall away while God is resolved to hold you.” JI Packer

“Paul’s confidence in God’s completing work enables him to regard believers not merely as they are, but as they will be.” Gordon Fee

“If we love people, we will pray for them; and if we do not pray for them, we must ask how much we truly love.” DA Carson

“The habit of intercessory prayer is one of the surest remedies for coldness of heart toward others.” JC Ryle

“It is remarkable that in all of his writings Paul’s prayers for his friends contain no appeals for changes in circumstances.” Tim Keller

“The most mature Christian is not necessarily the one who knows the most, but the one who loves the best.” DA Carson

“Warm hearts without wise heads help no one. The goal is informed affection — love guided by truth.” Kevin DeYoung