

PHILIPPIANS



JOY IN
CHRIST

Sermon Notes

Paul's Thanksgiving

Philippians 1:5-7

1. Are you a participant or a spectator in the Body of Christ?

1 Peter 4:10-11, Romans 12:1

Ask the Holy Spirit what He requires of you.

a) Evaluate the five characteristics of service that we see in the church at Philippi. Are you actively participating in Prayer, Financial Support, Encouragement, Guarding Truth, Equip and Edify the Body?

b. Look over the following passages that discuss the gifts that God gives us. Is there any area where God is challenging you to serve in our community and in the Body?

Ephesians 4:11-16, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

c) See the list on the next page. If you are currently not actively participating, what is one area you can begin to pray about where you can use your gifts to partner in the gospel? Inside the church or outside the church?

2. Does your life give evidence that God has begun a good work in you? Does your life give evidence that God is continuing a good work in you?

Paul's Thanksgiving and Prayer

3Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. 4Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, 5for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. 6And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

7So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.

Ways to Serve in the Local Church

- Children's Ministry (Sunday and Wednesday)
- Youth Ministry
- Janitors and maintenance workers to upkeep the building and grounds
- Transportation workers for children or others unable to drive
- Community Outreach
- Ushers, Greeters, Welcome Center
- Worship Ministry (Sunday Worship, Children's Worship, Youth Worship)
- Audio and Video technicians
- Kitchen workers
- Nursery workers