

Flavor & Fellowship

Philippians 1:1-11
Pastor Paul Perkins

1 Sainthood - Philippians 1:1-2

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- *Thought = Different*
- *Example = (Leviticus 21:6) They shall be Holy to their God.*
- *Example = (Acts 9:13) Paul persecuted the saints. 'Hagioi'*

2 Prayer - Philippians 1:3-4

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,

- *Bengel - The whole point of the letter is I do rejoice; do you rejoice?*
- *Prayer has a flavor of joy!*
- *Focus*

3 Fellowship - Philippians 1:3-5

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

- *Greek = Deep seated fellowship & mutual enterprise*
- *Fellowship*  *Missionary / Gospel Connection*

4 Perseverance - Philippians 1:6

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- Romans 8

Romans 8:31-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

5 Love - Philippians 1:7-8

7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. **8** For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

- Real support
- Christianity was more than there circle, but not less than.
- Gospel work = Defense

6 Maturity - Philippians 1:9-11

9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, **10** so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- Great Definition of Sanctification

Philippians 1:6

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- God is not a failure and will not fail

Ephesians 1:6-8

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight



THE FOUR