

“The Mission”

From the Series,
“Love, Tell, Help People”

Philippians 1 & 2
Preached Sunday AM 3/16/14
Meadow Baptist Church



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Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

1. We Commit To Love People (Philippians 1:8-11)

- a. Heartfelt love (8) - “For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.”
- b. Increasing love (9-10a) - “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...”
- c. Powerful love (10b-11) - “...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.”

2. We Commit To Tell People (Philippians 1:12-18)

- a. Our mission (12-14) - “I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”
- b. Our mouths (15-17) - “Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. 16 The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.”
- c. Our message (18) - “What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.”

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3. We Commit To Help People (Philippians 2:1-7)

- a. What motivates us together (2:1) - "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
- b. What characterizes us together (2-4) - "Complete my joy by being of the **same mind**, having the same love, being **in full accord** and of **one mind**. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."
- c. Who empowers us together (5-7) - "5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

Philippians 1:3-6"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 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."

Meadow Family, we have begun well but it is time for us to move forward in our partnership so that the beginning moves toward completion from God.