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Paul's charitable relationship with the Philippians:





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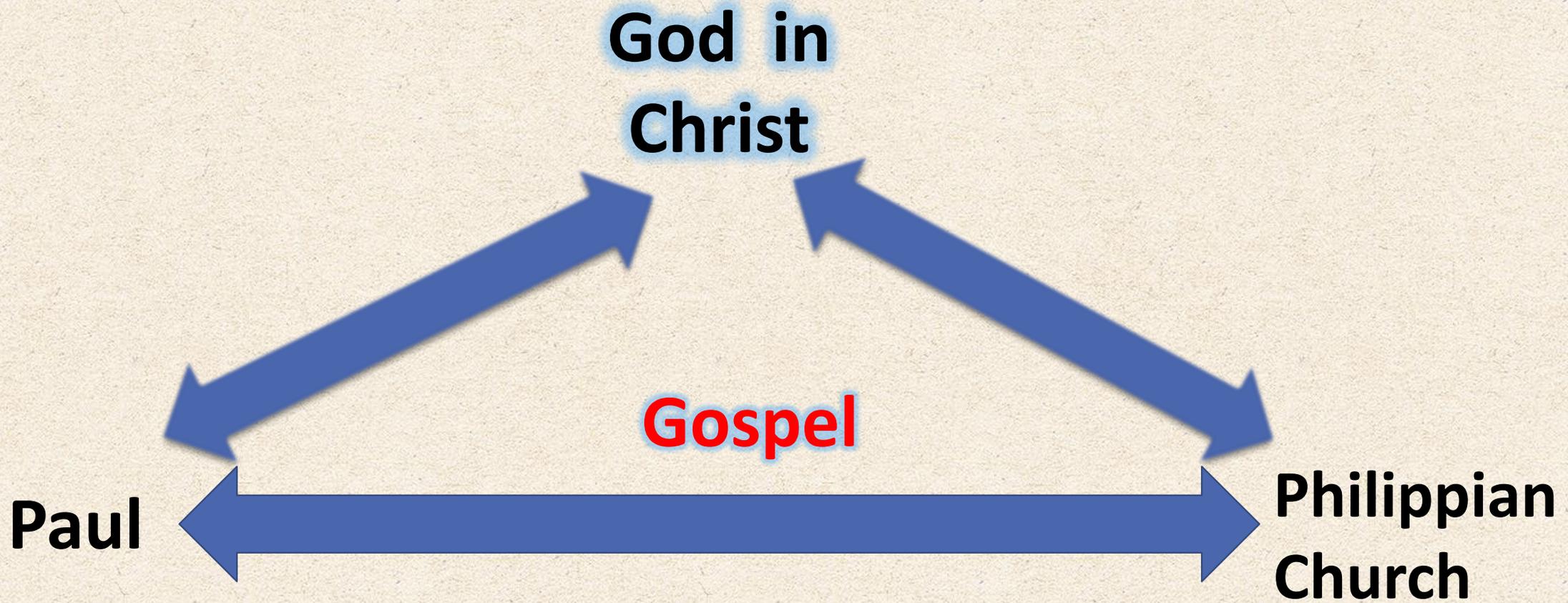
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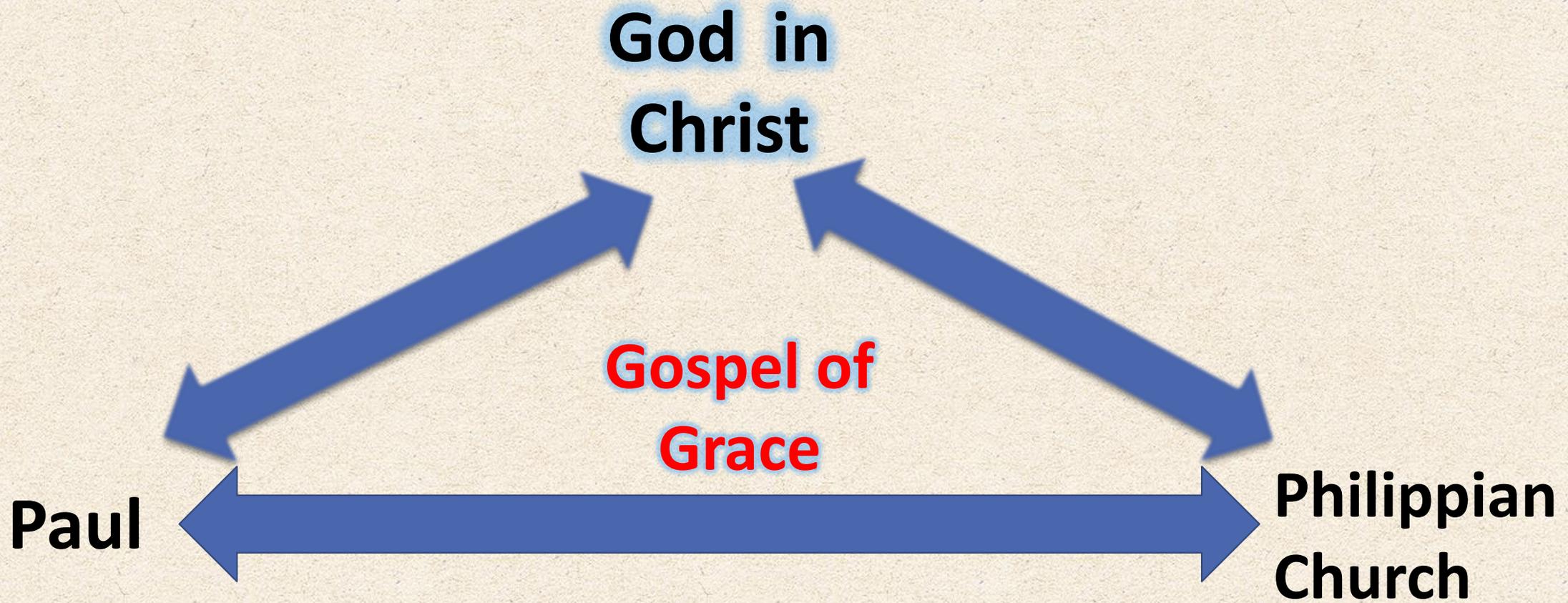
Philippians 1:3–6

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, **in view of your participation in the gospel** from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**



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2 Corinthians 8:1–5

Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you **the grace of God** which has been **given in the churches of Macedonia**, that in **a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality**. For I testify that according to their ability, and **beyond their ability**, they gave of their own accord, **begging us with much urging for the favor of participation** in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they **first gave themselves to the Lord** and to us by the will of God.

**How should we think
of Christian charity
[agape]?**

Consider these thoughts:

- How concerned are we for our Christian family? Do we seek opportunity?**
- Are we limited by our needs or by God's strength?**
- What is our participation in the gospel?**
- Can we say we "first gave ourselves to the Lord"?**

Philippians 4:1–3

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Philippians 3:17–21

Brethren, **join in following my example**, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ.... For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state **into conformity with the body of His glory**, by the exertion of the power that He has even to **subject all things to Himself**.

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Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. **Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God**. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will **guard your hearts and your minds** in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8–9

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What does a gospel-centered life look like?

- Emulating Jesus and those who follow him**
- Having a heavenly minded perspective, not limited in giving and receiving or any good thing**