

Introduction

I. In the text we find Paul's thank you to the church in Philippi for the gift they sent to him.

II. The church in Philippi was remembered because it remembered – Paul in his affliction.

The Church That Remembered

I. *The Gospel Support*

A. The church in Philippi remembered Paul by supporting the gospel ministry through him.

1. As Paul thanks the church in Philippi for their support, he recounts the many times they helped.

2. Why were they so generous?

B. There is rich instruction in the passage for the church today. Are we a church known for remembering the support of the Gospel?

II. *The Blessed Fruit*

A. Paul is thrilled at the gift because of what it says about them – it is the fruit of the gospel. This was not about Paul, but serving God and giving thanks to Him (vs. 18).

1. Paul deflects all attention from himself and turns it to God.

2. The Christian life is about fruits of thankfulness – Luke 6:44, 45.

B. In verse 17, Paul expresses his desire that "fruit may abound to your account." What does Paul mean?

III. *The Encouraging Promise*

A. God will gloriously supply all of our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. What does this mean?

B. But how is it related to the text?