

Gospel Gratitude

1. **They *Remembered* the Philippians with Gratitude to God (3).**

2. **They *Prayed Joyfully* for These Brothers & Sisters in Christ (4).**

3. **They Shared an On-Going *Partnership in the Gospel* Together (5).**

CONCLUSION: God has blessed us with so many blessings in saving and redeeming us in Christ Jesus. One of those great blessings is the family into which we have been adopted including our brothers and sisters in Christ at FCCW. The remembrance of the Philippians brought Paul and Timothy gratitude and joy. They were committed to praying often and fervently for these siblings at Philippi. Those prayers not only benefited the Philippians but also Paul and Timothy. Because of their shared partnership in the Gospel, a blessing for one resulting in blessings for all.

Second Corinthians 6:14-18

¹⁴ *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.* For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and *be separate from them*, says the Lord,

and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

Joshua 4:1-9

When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ² “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, ³ and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’ ... *So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.*”

⁸ And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded ... ⁹ And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.

James 5:16-18

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and *pray for one another*, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

First Thessalonians 5:15-18

¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you