

## Joy in Gospel Partnership

1. Rejoicing Together in Truth of Gospel Is Our Prime Directive.

2. Our Confidence in Christ Is the Basis of Our Joy.

3. This Gospel Confidence Is to Shape the Entirety of Our Life.

Conclusion: In this introduction to the Letter to the Philippians we are introduced to the Gospel Partnership shared in Jesus Christ that will enable them to rejoice through suffering and heartache. This unity in Christ was established by God for our common purpose of delighting in Christ together. Such joy defies the world's ways that demand self-satisfaction rather than self-sacrifice. Let us delight together in Jesus in every arena to which He calls us!

## **Ephesians 4:15 – 16**

<sup>15</sup>Rather, *speaking the truth in love*, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body *grow so that it builds itself up in love*.

## **Hebrews 10:23 – 25**

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for *He who promised is faithful*. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, *not neglecting to meet together*, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

## **First Thessalonians 5:11**

“Therefore *encourage one another and build one another up*, just as you are doing.”

## **Joshua 4:1 – 9**

When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup>“Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, <sup>3</sup>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.*”

<sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded … <sup>9</sup>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.

## **Second Corinthians 1:20 – 22**

“For *all the promises of God* find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is *God who establishes us with you in Christ*, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

## **First Peter 1:22**

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your *obedience to the truth* for a sincere brotherly love, *love one another earnestly from a pure heart* …

## **Second Corinthians 6:16b**

“*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.*”