

## The Good Work

*Philippians 1:1-11*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-2)
  - a. Senders: \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus
  - b. Recipients: \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus
  - c. Greeting
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ – peace
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ - grace
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3-6)
  - a. Upon every \_\_\_\_\_ of you
  - b. Upon your \_\_\_\_\_ in the Gospel
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ history
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ history
  - c. Upon complete \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. God \_\_\_\_\_ a good work
    - ii. God will \_\_\_\_\_ that work
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Affections (v. 7-8)
  - a. I hold you in my heart as \_\_\_\_\_ of grace
    - i. In my \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. In the “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
    - iii. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel
  - b. I long for you in “the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus”
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9-11)
  - a. That your love \_\_\_\_\_ more and more
    - i. To examine \_\_\_\_\_ things with discernment
  - b. That you should be \_\_\_\_\_ & blameless
    - i. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
    - ii. Having been filled with the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_

## Follow-Up Questions

1. In this passage, Paul and Timothy call themselves slaves of Christ Jesus. Are you a slave of Jesus? How might that be displayed to the world? Consider Matthew 20:25-28.
2. Similarly, the church in Philippi is described as “the saints in Christ Jesus.” Are you a saint? Would that be by your actions and lifestyle or by some other means? Read Romans 1:7. In Paul’s greeting to that church, he reveals that people are not saints by their works but by their calling. All those called to trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are saints. After that calling, with repentance and faith, we are called to live like saints (Ephesians 4:1-3) and be holy (1 Peter 1:14-16).
3. The heart of Paul’s praise in Philippians 1, besides his joy in partnering with the church there since its founding, is the “good work” regarding the church itself. Whose work is it? Why is Paul persuaded that this work will be completed? Consider also Romans 8:28-30 and John 6:35-40. Do you have such confidence in God’s preserving work?
4. Through Paul’s imprisonment (v. 7), he still feels his connection to the Philippian church. How can Christians feel such a connection even through afflictions? Do you think Ukrainian believers can feel that way about the American church right now? Why or why not?
5. We are memorizing 1 Corinthians 13 this year. Read that chapter today. Paul’s prayer for the Philippian church is that their love would abound more and more. If God answered that prayer, what would this love look like?
6. Do you usually associate love with holy living and the fruit of righteousness? How does this evidence of love contrast with the world’s idea of a person exuding love? Which description of love might be more evident in your life?