



Participation in the Gospel of Christ

Philippians 1:1-11

- 1) Christians identify as a “bond-servants,” *slaves*, of Christ (1a)
- 2) God’s people are concerned for each other (1b)
- 3) Believers wish grace & peace from God upon each other (2)
- 4) We are ever-so thankful for genuine Christians (3-8)
 - a) Remembering and praying for them
 - b) Recalling their authenticity; confident of their salvation
 - c) Serving alongside them, whether together or apart
 - i) Suffering & rejoicing with them
 - ii) Defending & confirming the gospel together
 - d) Longing to be with them
- 5) Prayer for fellow Christians is specific (9-11)
 - a) That love will continually increase in knowledge & discernment
 - b) For the ability to discern excellence from evil
 - c) For sincerity & blamelessness at Christ’s return
 - d) Based on God’s declaration of righteousness