

Philippians 1:1-11

I. Positions v1-2

A. Slaves

1. Freedom in Christ
2. Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
3. Romans 6:15-18

B. Saints

1. In Christ Jesus
2. Philippians 4:21
3. Are you in Christ Jesus? THE GOSPEL

C. Servants

1. Overseers and Deacons
2. 2 clear offices of the church

II. Partners

A. Past

He is thankful to God for them as he remembers.

1. Acts 16:11ff
2. Acts 20:6 *We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.*

B. Present

1. Until now
2. We can only imagine the ways that this church partnered with Paul in his ministry
3. Whatever ways, they were surely significant

v7-8 They are with Him in whatever he faces.

1. In prison
2. In defense of the gospel
3. In confirmation of the gospel

C. Future

1. Until Christ
2. God, when he begins a work, will complete it!
 - a. On earth
 - b. In this church
 - c. In you

III. Prayers

1. **That they would have an informed love v9**

- a. Knowing God is the only way to love well
- b. THE GOSPEL
- c. It takes all discernment to love those who are not easy to love
- d. Matthew 5:43-48

2. **That they would have transformed lives v10**

- a. Excellent, sincere, blameless
- b. Do we make excellent choices in the eyes of God?
- c. Do we make choices that lead to blamelessness? In Sincerity?
- d. Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

3. **As a result of having the fruit of Christ formed in them v11**

- a. Gal 4:19 *My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you*
- b. Is he being formed in you?

Home Group Discussion Questions

1. Take some time to review the sermon notes from Sunday.
 2. Was there anything from this sermon that was difficult to understand or that didn't make sense to you? Discuss it with the group.
 3. What do you believe was the most impactful part of the sermon Sunday? Discuss
 4. How do you plan to apply this to your life? For example, "In response to this sermon, I will _____"
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