

PAUL'S JOYFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THE PHILIPPIAN BELIEVERS
(1:3-5)

I. Paul's Salutation (1:1-2)

II. Paul's Thankful Appreciation Clearly Expressed (1:3-5)

A. The Basis of His Appreciation (1:3)

1. It was a heartfelt attitude of _____ .
 2. The *cause* of his thanksgiving was what God had done _____ them & was now doing _____ them!
- Four aspects of this "thankfulness" we need to note!
 - a. It was a _____ thankfulness. Note the personal _____ here... "I", "my", & "you"
 - b. It was an _____ thankfulness ... "*I thank*"
 - c. He personally gave _____ the thanks... "*I thank my God...*"
 - d. His thankfulness was based on his _____ of them.

B. The Expression of His Appreciation (1:4) ... was through his _____ to God for them.

* What do we know about his prayer life from this passage?

1. His *consistency* of his prayer is seen by the word... "_____".

* How is this to be understood?

2. His *repetition* of his prayers can be seen by the words "*always, in _____ prayer of mine*"

3. The *object* of his prayers is seen by the words "*for _____*"

4. The *desire* of his prayer is seen by his words... “*making* _____ ”

5. The *reason* of his prayers to God for them was because of the _____ they brought to Him ...”*with joy*”

- What do you think of when you hear to word “*joy*”?

* Let me give you *some reasons* believers put a smile on their pastor’s face when they come to mind:

a. Believers are responding _____, like the Thessalonians did, to the _____ (1 Thess 2:13-ff)

1. they heartily received & welcomed the word as _____ truth, not man’s _____ (2:13a)

2. they saw that the word was _____ in them that believed it (2:13b)

- Do others scriptures teach this as well?

- What should be the condition of heart for the receiving of God’s word effectively?

3. they became _____ of other churches who were positive to the WOG (2:14a)

4. their positiveness to the WOG resulted in _____ & _____ for their Savior (2:14b-16)

- Why is suffering so often the lot of those who identify with Jesus Christ?

5. their positive attitude caused Paul’s heart to be deeply _____ for their spiritual needs (2:17-18)

6. their attitude toward the WOG gave the apostle Paul _____, _____ & _____ in his Christian life (2:19-20)

b. Their _____ around the gospel (Phil 1:5)

What have we learned today?