

PAUL'S PRAYER OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PHILIPPIAN BELIEVERS
(1:5-7)

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

II. Paul's Thankful Appreciation Clearly Expressed (1:3-7)

A. The BASIS of His Thankful Appreciation (1:3)

1. It was a heartfelt attitude of thanksgiving or attitude of gratitude for them.

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

- The *object* of his prayers is seen by the words "*for you all*"
- The *desire* of his prayer is seen by his words... "*making request*"
- The *reason* of his prayers to God for them was because of the joy they brought to Him.
- What is needed for the Christian to rejoice or experience the JOY Paul had?

C. The MOTIVATION For His Thankful Appreciation (1:5-7)

1. Paul was motivated & thankful for their _____ around the gospel.

- What does this word mean & imply?
- This fellowship was _____ & could be _____ from the 1st day of salvation until now. (1:5)
- What does this imply?
 - a. God desires ongoing _____ fellowship with those in His _____.
 - b. This fellowship is available & needed _____ with _____ within the Body of Christ. (Acts 2:42)
- 1 John 1:1-3
- c. When true fellowship is happening, your _____ is full! (1 John 1:4)

d. The privilege of fellowship is based first on our _____ in Christ. (1:5)

e. Fellowship with God implies there are _____ for true fellowship to occur.
(1 John 1:3-10)

1) If we say we are having fellowship with God, while we are walking in _____; God says we are _____ & not _____ the truth (1:6)

2) But, if we walk in the light as He is in the light—God says we are enjoying _____ (vertical) one with another, and the blood of Christ keeps on _____ us from all sin. (1:7)

3) If we say that we have no sin (nature), we _____ ourselves, and the _____ is not in us (1:8)

4) If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him to be a _____, and His _____ is not (abiding) in us (1:10)

5) But if we _____ our sins, He is faithful & just to _____ our sins and _____ us from all unrighteousness for Christian living (1:9)

2. Paul was motivated & thankful that God was at work in the Philippian's lives to spiritually _____ them. (1:6)

a. God's work *begun*... "*Being _____ of this very thing...*"

b. God's work *continued*... "*He who has begun a good work in you _____ it....*"

c. God's work *completed*... "... *until the day of _____* "

- When will this occur?

3. Paul was motivated & thankful that all this was because they were _____ with Paul of God's amazing _____ (1:7)

* What is God's Amazing Grace? It is the _____ abounding provision of the unrestrained operation of God's infinite love, through _____ on behalf of sinful man, especially to those who _____ in Him to the saving of their souls.

- Have you ever partaken of God's grace in Jesus Christ? If not why not?