



Joyful Partnership

Philippians 1:1-11

What is Philippians about?



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Joy



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Joy
in partnership



What is Philippians about?

Joy
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with God



What is Philippians about?

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- Paul and Timothy sent this letter together, although Paul was the primary author.



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- They open with their “job title”, which reflects an identity that is communicated throughout the letter.



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- The recipients of the letter were identified as saints.



Philippians 4:21-22

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Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



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- The Philippians had developed a leadership structure.



Appointing Elders Early

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Titus 1:5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you.



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Acts 20:17-18, 28

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for [poimaino: to shepherd] the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.



1 Peter 5:1-2

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;



Titus 1:5-7

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4. These are the two leadership offices described in the New Testament local church, and they reflect the grace and truth that is to be found in the body of Christ.



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- Paul's view of God expressed in every letter.



Philippians 1:3-5

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.



Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



1 Corinthians 1:7-9

so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Philippians 1:7-8

It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.



1 Thessalonians 2:8

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.



Philippians 1:9-11

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.



Joy in the Church



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1. Partnership



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2. Thanksgiving



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3. Confidence



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