

OUR PARTNERSHIP

We want to draw health and strength from each other.

(Philippians 1:3-11) I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and establishment of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I deeply miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that you can determine what really matters and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

1. Partnership in Christ's GOSPEL

(3-5) I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

- A. This partnership is longed for and sought after and treasured.
- B. The glue at the center of this partnership – is the gospel.

2. Partnership in Christ's GRACE

(7) It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace...

- A. Grace: God's unmerited favor.
- B. What we actually deserve is condemnation (John 3:17-18).
- C. We want to be partners bound together by God's grace.

3. Partnership in Christ's GROWTH

(9-11) And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind discernment, so that you can determine what really matters and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- A. Growing love.
- B. Growing discernment.
- C. Growing righteousness.
- D. Growing fruit.