



# **“A New Year”**

## **Philippians 1:3-11**

### **January 10, 2021**

#### **I. Our Partnership in the Gospel**

Read Philippians 1:3-11. What phrases are found in these verses that describe the relationship that Paul had with the Philippians?

How would you define the word “partnership” in Philippians 1:5?

What does having a “partnership in the Gospel” mean? How is this a contrast to the view that many people have to their Christianity?

Would our partnership with God in the partnership of the Gospel be an equal partnership? Please explain.

How is our Gospel partnership also a partnership with other believers?

What is the struggle for many of us, when it comes to our partnership in the Gospel, in this time of pandemic?

What is God teaching us? How is God wanting us to grow?

#### **II. God Will Complete What God Started**

Paul had started the church in Philippi. How does Philippians 1:6 communicate that Paul knew that this work was not built on him?

God started the work and God empowers the work that is found in the growing of our spiritual relationship to Him. What is our part in this?

Why is it important to have a correct view of this process of growth?

How does Paul look ahead with confidence in Philippians 1:6?

We often start projects with such dedication and enthusiasm.  
What happens? What gets in the way?

Where is our confidence based? Note 1 Corinthians 1:31,  
Philippians 4:13

Why do you think that God wants to lead us one day at a time  
rather than giving us the full plan for our lives?

How do you prepare yourself to be ready for God's direction  
and leading?

### **III. The Prayer of Paul**

Read Philippians 1:9-11. Where does Paul start his prayer for  
the Philippians? What does it mean to have an "abounding love"?

How is God's love different than human love?

According to Philippians 1:9 what is the love to abound *in*?

What would be the evidence of a love that "abounds more and  
more in knowledge and depth of insight" as it relates to others?

What does Paul pray for these believers in Philippians 1:10?  
How would you define the meaning of "best"?

How could God's best be different than what we see as "good"  
as humans?

What will be the result of this in Philippians 1:10-11?

What does it mean to be "pure and blameless"? What does it  
mean to be "filled with the fruit of righteousness"?