



Bound by the Gospel, Growing for Glory

Philippians

Solid Rock Church

Letter to Church of Philippi

Written: Paul, 61 AD while in jail in Rome

Church Founded by Paul : 50 – 52 AD

During 2nd Journey with Silas

(Acts 16: 6 – 40)

1st Christian Church in Europe

sent money, prayers, and love, standing with Paul in his trials

What is the Gospel?

- Isn't just a message to believe—it's a reality to live
- God's Plan to reconcile sinners
- Fuels our joy in glorifying God
- Christ's life transforming us

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.

Bound Together by the Gospel of Grace

Sugkoinōnous: deep partnership or fellowship

”partakers with me of grace”:

Grace saves, unites, and sends us out

“with the affection of Christ Jesus”:

sacrificial, mirroring Christ’s heart for His people

Bound Together by the Gospel of Grace

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.

Ephesians 4: 4-6, There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Bound Together by the Gospel of Grace

Invest in gospel partnerships.

Pray for our missionaries.

Share Christ with a neighbor.

Guard unity.

- Root relationships in the gospel, not personal preferences.

Are you tethered to Christ's mission, or pulling away?

Philippians 1:9 – 10a

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.

Growing in Discerning Love

Abound

perisseuē: means to overflow, like a river in flood.

Knowledge

epignōsis: a deep grasp of God's truth,

Discernment

aisthēsis: wisdom to apply it.

To “approve what is excellent”—choosing God's best in a world of counterfeits.

Growing in Discerning Love

Knowledge comes from Scripture, revealing God's will.

Discernment navigates life's gray areas

Together, they keep love from becoming sentimental or rigid.

Without knowledge, love excuses sin.

Without discernment, it lacks grace.

Growing in Discerning Love

Colossians 1:9-10, And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Romans 12:2, Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Growing in Discerning Love

Love must be “governed by the truth of God’s Word,” or it becomes a false god.

Discernment grows through union with Christ, as His mind shapes ours through the Spirit’s work.

The gospel reorients how you think and love.

In a world that equates love with affirmation, Christian love, rooted in truth, stands out as a witness to Christ.

Growing in Discerning Love



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Immerse in God's Word.

Have daily Bible reading

Pray for wisdom to love rightly.

Maybe you need to confront sin with grace (Gal. 6:1)

Prioritize family over work.

Is my love shaped by Scripture, or by the world's version?

Philippians 1: 10b – 12

...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. I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

Bearing Fruit for God's Glory

Pure: *eilikrinēs*: transparent

Blameless: *aproskopos*: not causing stumbling, ready for Christ's return.

Fruit flows from Christ, not human effort.

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John 15: 8, By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

II Corinthians 3: 18, And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Ephesians 2: 10, For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Fruitfulness comes from union with Christ

His life in us produces righteousness.

Make God look glorious

Philippians 2: 13, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Abide in Christ: pray, read Scripture, worship.

Trust God in trials. Romans 8:28

Live for the “day of Christ.”

Is your life pure, blameless, fruitful for God's glory?

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