



PRAYING FOR GROWTH *Philippians 1:7-11*

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God is speaking through the Apostle Paul as He writes this letter with Timothy to the saints and church leaders of Philippi. He is thankful for their partnership and is prompted to pray for them often. How often do you pray? What do you pray for? Make a list of prayer requests.

Philippians 1:7-11

*"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. **8** For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

***9** And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, **10** so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."*

1. SALVATION from God UNITES Believers. (v 7-8)

- To PARTICIPATE in Ministry Work

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." **1 Corinthians 12:26***

- To PROCLAIM the Gospel to the Lost

*"Don't be satisfied with anything less than all God's powerful grace is able to practice in you and through you." **Paul David Tripp***

*"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." **Matthew 9:36***

2. PRAYER To God ENCOURAGES Believers. (v 9-11)

- To Grow in LOVE

*“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.” **1 Corinthians 13:1-3***

- To Grow in KNOWLEDGE and DISCERNMENT
- To Approve what is EXCELLENT, PURE, and BLAMELESS
- To Be FILLED with FRUIT of Righteousness

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” **Galatians 5:22-23***

Not only is a sinner justified through faith in Christ and His grace, but we are brought to completion by Christ and His grace. Grace is God’s free and unmerited favor shown to guilty sinners who deserve God’s judgment.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve

eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.