



BEING A GOOD PARTNER

Isaiah 7:14 & Isaiah 53:5

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Good morning Church! When we read Philippians, it was written with joy and gratitude for the way God is carrying forward His saving work among the Philippians. We see a great partnership between Paul and the church of Philippi that was very supportive in the ministry efforts of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:1-6

*“Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **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.*

- A **PARTNERSHIP** - two people being in a relationship that is more than transactional—one person cares about, supports, and provides value to the other and vice versa.
- A Partnership in AUTHORSHIP. (v 1)
- A Partnership in AUDIENCE. (v 1)

*“Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.” **Baptist Faith & Message***

1. Gospel PARTNERSHIP Needs Godly UNITY. (v 3-5)

2. Intentional PRAYER Motivates Continued PARTNERSHIP. (v 3-5)

3. Continue in The GOOD WORK of The Gospel. (v 6)

*“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” **Romans 8:28-30***

If God's grace ran out, then the purpose of raising His people from the dead and receiving eternal life would not be fulfilled.

When God continues to grow this gospel we see it work in amazing and powerful ways!

We can trust in God to continue the good work in us and complete it! Your salvation is not to be wasted or misused, but to be a unified, intentional partner of the Gospel of Christ.

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.*