

From The First Day Until Now (Philippians 1:3-6)

The book of Philippians is an inspired thank you letter the apostle Paul penned to a church he had known for years. He had helped start the church. They had stood by him and supported him in his missionary travels and even imprisonment. He could count on them. After 14 years of working with this church as a minister and evangelist, my heart is only full of love and gratitude.

I. _____ To God For You (Phil. 1:3)

- A. _____ for our time and the blessed memories.
- B. Paul had wonderful history & memories of the church at Philippi (Acts 18).
 - 1. People we only know as “Jailer” or “household” Paul knew their faces & names.
 - 2. I’ve grown up here and have a household now.
 - 3. Going through seasons of life together.

II. _____ & Requests To God For You (Phil. 1:4, 9-11)

- A. Paul made joyful prayers and requests for the church he loved (Phil. 1:4):
- B. _____ abounding more and more (Phil. 1:9).
- C. Abounding _____ (Phil. 1:9).
- D. _____ and approval of the excellent (Phil. 1:9-10).
- E. _____ of Righteousness (Phil. 1:11).
 - 1. Fruit is _____. Fruit is the product. Fruit demonstrates.
 - 2. Disciples grow _____ and...
 - 3. Disciples make more _____. Thus the church grows numerically.
- F. God be _____ and praised (Phil. 1:11).

III. _____ In God About You (Phil. 1:6-7)

- A. God will _____ His good work in you. So many good works at Jackson Heights.
- B. Paul had good reasons to be confident in the church at Philippi.
- C. My confidence in this congregation is well founded.
 - 1. Because you’ve stood by me.
 - 2. Because we’ve done good work, working together.
 - a. Good character men serving as leaders in the elders and deacons.
 - b. Talented and dedicated preacher in Shawn Jeffries.
 - c. Creative and committed teachers, brethren.
 - 3. Because it is _____ in you. God never _____.