Philippians – 1:1 -11

Paul’s prayer for the spiritual growth of the church

1. **He prays a blessing of God’s grace and peace for the church - 1: 1-2**

*To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi…*

1. Grace = God’s favor – grace describes the essentials of the gospel
   1. Justified by grace – Rom 3:24
   2. Saved by grace – Eph. 2:8
   3. Serve by grace – Eph. 4:7
   4. Throne of grace – Heb. 4:16
   5. God the Father graciously sent His Son
   6. God the Son graciously died for sinners
2. Peace = rest, quietness – Heb. Shalom – everything as it should be peace
   1. Jesus Christ is our peace – Eph. 2:14
   2. Peace with God – Rom.5:1
   3. Peace of God – Phil. 4:7
   4. Peace from God for all situations – 2 Thess. 3:16
3. *Grace and Peace come from the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ to the church!*
4. **He thanks God for their work in the gospel – 1:3 – 5**
5. Paul remembers the church with thankfulness
6. Paul prays with joy for the church
7. Paul prays with joy remembering their work in the gospel from the first day they met
8. **He is confident that God will continue & complete His work through the church till Jesus Christ comes again – 1:6 – 8**
9. Paul believes that God will finish the work of sharing the gospel through the church
10. Paul believes that God will finish the work of salvation in individuals in the church
11. Paul believes that God will finish the work at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
12. Paul believed that God will finish the good work the church is a partaker of God’s grace
13. Good work = anything accomplished by hand, mind
14. The good work of the gospel
15. The good work of salvation
16. **He prays for their spiritual growth – 1:9 – 11**
17. Paul prays that their love will overflow in a greater way

Overflow = abound, abundant

Love = agape love – love of sacrifice, Christ – like love

* 1. Love for God
  2. Love for Paul and the work of the gospel

1. Paul prays that their knowledge of God &His word will grow
2. Paul prays that their discernment of God’s will & living in the world will grow
3. Paul prays that they would live in purity & blamelessness till Jesus returns
4. Paul prays that they will be filled with fruit of righteousness character till Jesus returns
5. Paul prays that their spiritual growth will bring great glory & praise to God

**Things to Remember**

1. God works through the church to accomplish His purpose of salvation in Jesus Christ
2. God’s grace and peace bless the work of the church
3. The church grows in order to finish with fruitfulness the work of the gospel