

Study 2 (Philippians 1:3-11)

Read Phil. 1:3-11

Despite being imprisoned in Rome, Paul is joyfully praying for the Philippian Christians. Would you say joyful prayer characterizes part of your ministry within the body of Christ? If not, how might you grow in praying for the church?

How would you describe “partnership in the gospel” (v. 4)? What does it look like in our church?

In v. 6 who is Paul trusting to secure the eternal salvation of the Christians in Philippi? Why is this encouraging for us as well?



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Let's break down Paul's prayer in vv. 9-11:
What is he praying (v. 9)?

Why is he praying it (vv. 10-11, note the “so that”)?

Reading Col. 1:9-14, what are some of the similarities in the prayer in Colossians the one in Philippians?

Reading Phil. 1:6 and 1:9-11, why do you think Paul is confident that his prayer will be answered?

Finally, are there ways you are trusting in your own righteousness to secure your eternal salvation? Let's pray that God would grow us in love and Christian maturity, knowing we are secure in the “fruit of righteousness that come through Jesus Christ.”