

**THANK GOD
FOR YOU
PHILIPPIANS 1:1-7**

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1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

Philippians 1:1-7 - continued

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

Introduction

- A. Paul had a tender relationship with the Christians at Philippi**
- B. Wrong relationships flourish in many churches today**
- C. Lessons from Paul's statement on thanksgiving**

I. There Is A Value In Remembering

A. God has made us with the ability to remember

B. Instructions to remember in the Bible

1. We need to remember in the present

Ecclesiastes 12:1

**Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh,
when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;**

2. We need to remember for the future

Luke 17:32

Remember Lot's wife.

I. There Is A Value In Remembering

B. Instructions to remember in the Bible - continued

3. We need to remember the price of our salvation

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

I. There Is A Value In Remembering

B. Instructions to remember in the Bible - continued

4. We need to remember to not go back

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

I. There Is A Value In Remembering

C. Paul remembered Philippi

- 1. The circumstances that brought him there**
- 2. Finding the little group by a river and Lydia's conversion**
- 3. The spiritual conflict**
- 4. The Philippian jail and jailor**

**Do you remember high points in your
Christian life?**

II. There Is A Value In Remembering Positive Things About Others

“Every remembrance of you”

A. Was the church at Philippi perfect?

B. Paul refused to dwell on the negatives

1 Corinthians 1:2-4

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

II. There Is A Value In Remembering Positive Things About Others

C. Paul thought about those who were faithful

1. Their fellowship in the Gospel (v 5)

2. Their commitment to God (v 6)

3. It brought him encouragement (v 7)

D. What do you think about when you think of this church?

Are you thankful for some?

III. There Is Value Of Expressing Appreciation To Those We Love

A. Paul wasn't just thankful, he told them so

1 Thessalonians 5:11-13

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

B. What good is appreciation if it is never expressed?

Be Thankful

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you.**