

Phil. 1:3-8

- I. I always pray and hope for you all (3-6)
 - A. I always give thanks for you by praying for your partnership in the Gospel (3-5)
 - 1. I always give thanks (3-4a)
 - a To my God
 - b Upon every remembrance/mention of you
To remember and therefore make mention
 - c In all my prayers
 - 2. By making prayers (4b-5)
 - a On behalf of all of you
 - b With joy
 - c About our fellowship/partnership in the Gospel
Fellowship = having something in common, being in common cause
The Philippians partnered with Paul, supporting him logistically, prayerfully, and financially
 - d From the first day
 - e Until now
 - B. Being convinced that God will finish His good work in you (6)
 - 1. Being convinced of this very thing: (6a)
 - 2. The One beginning a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (6b)
God will not, cannot fail to bring to a successful completion that which He has started
- II. It is proper for me to think this way about you because I care for you in Christ (7-8)
 - A. Since for me to think this about all of you is right (7a)
Right in the sense of proper, justified, appropriate, proven
 - B. Reason: I care for you deeply in my heart (7b-8)
 - 1. Because I have you in my heart (7b)
 - 2. Reason: You're my partners and I care for you (7c-8)
 - a Because you all are being fellow sharers of grace with me (7c)
Related word to fellowship in v. 5
 - 1) In my imprisonment
 - 2) In the defense and establishment/confirmation of the Gospel
 - b And because I have a strong affection for you in Christ (8)
 - 1) God is my witness (8a)
A formula that emphasizes the truth of what follows
 - 2) As I have a strong affection/yearning for all of you in the affection/compassion of Christ Jesus (8b)
The affection/compassion which Christ has, He has implanted in Paul toward the Philippians