

Pursuing Joy in a Perilous World

Philippians 1:1-11

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Background:

- Philippi: See Acts 16:11-40
- Circumstance – Written from Prison...

Greeting 1:1-2

- Standard opening of a letter: Sender, recipient, and “hello!”
- Paul’s touch – Servants; to “all” the saints, Grace and Peace

You are on my mind – 1:3-6

- Thankful/ With joy/ Partnership
- Result: God will complete what he has started!

You are in my heart – 1:7-8

- Proximity: Precious to me!
- Genuine Affection: Loved and liked!

You are in my prayers – 1:7-9

- Grow in love
- Grow in wisdom
- Filled with the fruit of Righteousness...
 - John 15:8
 - Galatians 5:22
- To the glory and praise of God!

Key ideas –

- Happiness vs Joy –
 - Happiness is based on your circumstances, joy is based in the Savior.
- Partnership in the Gospel – Are you invested?
- Growing? - Praying for your growth and maturity in the Lord!

Application:

- Got Joy?
- Step up!
- Grow up!

Personal note: Sabbatical

- You are on my mind, in my heart, and in my prayers.
- Thank you for partnering with me.
- Let’s advance the gospel of Jesus Christ!