PRAY WITH JOY

Read Philippians 1:3-11 (NIV)

1. According to verse 3, when does the apostle Paul (the author of Philippians) thank God?
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2. In verse 4, what does he pray with? Why do you think he feels this way? Who does he pray for?
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…be pure and blameless

3. (Verse 5) What does the phrase "partnership" in this verse mean to you?
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   According to Paul, what is he confident about? Explain "…the day of Christ Jesus." (Verse 6)

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4. In verse 7, will circumstances affect the way Paul feels? What is he feeling? Do you think you would feel the same way? Why?

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5. Look at verse 8 again. Who is Paul's witness? Why is this important?

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6. In verse 9, Paul prays that love will abound more in two things. What are they? What is the purpose for these two things? (Verse 10)

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Is purity powerful? Explain your answer.

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7. Read verse 10 and 11 together. Write down a prayer to God for a plan to ensure you're filled with righteousness.

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Things To Know

Philippi = a city in Greece

Philippians = people from Philippi

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*"**3** I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always <u>pray with joy</u> **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:3-11 (NIV)

*__*Important Note:__ One of the first Christian communities established in Europe was located in Philippi.*