

Philippians

Chapter 1:5-11

I. **Philippians 1:5** ⁵For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

a. Fellowship

- i. Greek word *koinonia*- Strong's Con.- partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:—(to) communicate(-ation), communion, (contri-)distribution, fellowship.
- ii. Partnership- in common
- iii. G2842 Fellowship (12x), Communion (4x), Communication (1x), Distribution (1x), Contribution (1x), Communicate (1x)
- iv. **Philippians 4:15-16** ¹⁵Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. ¹⁶For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.
 1. “communicated with” Greek word *Koinoneo*
- v. **II Corinthians 11:8-9** ⁸I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them*, to do you service. ⁹And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself*.

b. Fellowship

- i. First of 3
 1. Fellowship in the gospel
 2. Fellowship of the spirit
 - a. **Philippians 2:1** ¹If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love,

if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

3. Fellowship in the suffering

- a. **Philippians 3:10** ¹⁰That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

c. Opposite of Fellowship

- i. **Philippians 3:18-19** ¹⁸(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)
- ii. **II Corinthians 6:14** ¹⁴Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

d. First Day

i. **Goes back to Acts 16**

- 1. **Acts 16:13-14** ¹³And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*. ¹⁴And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
- ii. First of two consecutive verses where a duration of time is mentioned
 - 1. First day until now would have been the 10-12 year time period

II. **Phillipians 1:6** ⁶Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

a. Confident

i. Greek work *Peitho*. Used six times in the book of Phillipians. Translated as trust, confident and confidence

ii. Phil. 1:6, 1:14, 1:25, 2:24, 3:3, 3:4

b. God performs it

i. **Galatians 3:3** ³Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

ii. **Philippians 2:13** ¹³For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

iii. **I Thessalonians 5:23-24** ²³And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

iv. **Romans 8:28** ²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

c. The day of Jesus Christ

i. Rapture not tribulation

1. **I Thessalonians 4:13-18** ¹³But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the

archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

2. I Corinthians 15:51-53⁵¹Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

ii. Paul is the only author that uses this phrase

iii. 3 x in Philippians

1. 1:6, 1:10, 2:16

iv. Some examples

1. I Corinthians 1:8 ⁸Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. I Corinthians 5:5 ⁵To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

3. II Corinthians 1:14 ¹⁴As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

a. Rejoicing

v. Judgment Seat of Christ

1. I Timothy 4:8 ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not

to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2. I Corinthians 3:13 ¹³Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

3. II Corinthians 5:9-10 ⁹Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

4. Romans 14:10-12 ¹⁰But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹For it is written, *As I live*, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. ¹²So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

d. The Day of the Lord

i. Not a secret. OT authors used this.

ii. **Isaiah 2:12** ¹²For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

iii. **Isaiah 13:6** ⁶Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

iv. **Isaiah 13:9** ⁹Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

v. **Zephaniah 1:14-15** ¹⁴The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. ¹⁵That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation,

a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

- vi. **Joel 1:15** ¹⁵Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.
- vii. **Jeremiah 46:10** ¹⁰For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.
- viii. **Amos 5:18** ¹⁸Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light.
 - 1. Compare to I Thessalonians 5:1-11 ¹But of the times and the seasons, brethren, **ye** have no need that I write unto **you**. ²For **yourselves** know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. ³For when **they** shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon **them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and **they** shall not escape. ⁴But **ye**, brethren, are not in **darkness**, that that day should overtake **you** as a thief. ⁵**Ye** are all the children of **light**, and the children of the day: we are not of the **night**, nor of **darkness**. ⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. ⁷For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. ⁸But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹For God hath not appointed **us** to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

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

e. Duration the day of Jesus Christ.

- i. There's no need for God to keep performing after the rapture. We will be gone and have glorified bodies.

III. **Phillipians 1:7** ⁷Even 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.

a. Defense= trial. Acts 28:16-31

b. Imprisoned for the Gospel

- i. **Colossians 4:3** ³Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:
- ii. **Philippians 1:12** ¹²But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

c. Partakers

- i. They are 800-1300 miles away during Bible days?
- ii. They are part of the body of Christ
- iii. They have contributed financially multiple times

IV. **Phillipians 1:8** ⁸For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

a. Record

- i. Witness in the legal sense

b. Long after

- i. He longed to see them again

c. Bowels of Jesus Christ

- i. Figurative to show highest example of love

V. **Philippians 1:9-11** ⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; ¹⁰That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; ¹¹Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

a. Prayer

b. Love

i. **Ephesians 3:17-19** ¹⁷That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

ii. **Romans 12:10** ¹⁰*Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

iii. **Galatians 5:13-14** ¹³For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. ¹⁴For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

iv. **I Corinthians 13 mentions characteristics of charity.**

c. Knowledge is gained by studying the word of God and the illumination of the Spirit.

i. **Ephesians 1:16-17** ¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

ii. **Colossians 1:9-10** ⁹For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

d. Fruits of Righteousness

i. Fruits of the Spirit

1. **Galatians 5:22-23** ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness,

goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

2. **Ephesians 5:9** ²(For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
3. **Romans 5:5** ⁵And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.