

Philippians: Joy Chase
Thanksgiving Joy
Philippians 1:1-8

Introduction – The source of our thanksgiving determines the depth of our joy.

I. Common bond – vv. 1-2

- Servants of Christ – given of will
- Saints in Christ – given in conduct and character
- Saved by Christ – grace then peace

II. Common thanksgiving stimulus – vv. 3-4

- Acceptance of Gospel
- Consistency of faith
- Growth in grace
- Burden for the lost
- Request with joy – not programs, publicity or promotion

III. Common goals – vv. 5-6

- Fellowship – Joint cooperation and participation in same goal –
Further the Gospel
- Shown by living, loyalty, love and liberality
- Persuaded – past action, present results
- Good work :
 - Past – regeneration – God’s unchangeable purpose -Titus 3: 4-5
 - Present – sanctification – God’s unlimited power - John 17:17-19
 - Future – glorification – God’s unbreakable promise – Romans 8:16-

IV. Common grace – vv. 7-8

- Love in the Spirit
- Grace of the Gospel – defense/ remove obstacles/
confirmation/ advancement
- God's witness/ record – Greek work martyrs
- Longing for heart

Conclusion – Paul and the Philippians were focused on the furtherance of the Gospel not the Apostle.