

Series: Joyful Living – Part 1
Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11
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THE BENEFITS OF A CHURCH FAMILY

How the church in Philippi was started (Acts 16:1-12)

Two important points about Paul's letter to the Philippians...

1. This is a very _____ letter.
2. Paul writes about his joy in Christ while he is in _____ .

Paul's central theme: Following _____ leads to lasting _____ in life.

I. HOW PAUL FELT ABOUT THE CHURCH

*Philip. 1:3-4a I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...*

Paul express three feelings about the Philippian church...

1. He was _____ for the church. (vs 3)
2. He was _____ for the church. (vs 3)
3. He was _____ about the church! (vs 4)

Ephes. 5:25 Christ loved the church and gave his life for it

II. THREE REASONS TO BE INVOLVED WITH A CHURCH FAMILY

#1. You gain a _____!
Philip 1:5 "...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..."

#2. Your life can be _____!
Philip 1:6 "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."

#3. You build _____!
Philip 1:7 "...Since I have you in my heart...for all of you share in God's grace with me."

Genesis 2:18 God said, "It is not good for man to be alone."

1 Timothy 3:15 "I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church."

III. PAUL'S PRAYER FOR EVERY PERSON

Philip. 1:9 "My prayer for you is that..."

1. Grow in _____
Philippians 1:9a "... that your love may abound more and more..."
2. Grow in _____
Philippians 1:9b "...in knowledge and depth of insight"
3. Grow in _____
Philippians 1:10 "so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ."
4. Grow in your _____
Philippians 1:11 "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."