

Joy in Christ
Partners in Christ
Philippians 1:1-11

*Acts 16*⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

1. Partners in Christ are grateful for one another.

*Philippians 1*³ I thank my God every time I remember you.

2. Partners in Christ share and uphold the Good News together.

*Philippians 1*⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

3. Partners in Christ mature in Christ together.

*Philippians 1*⁶ He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

*1 Corinthians 1*⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. Partners in Christ have mutual love and devotion for each other.

*Philippians 1*⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart...⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

5. Partners in Christ demonstrate their faith by their spiritual fruit.

*Galatians 5*²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control.

*Philippians 1*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.