

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Philippians 1:1-11

**Written from prison in Rome, in their shared experience of his imprisonment in Philippi – An exhortation to unity in Christ*

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Vs. 1, Paul identifies himself & Timothy as *servants*

- This will come up in **Ch. 2**
- Servants to **the whole church** of the city

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Vs. 3-5, “remembrance of you – from the first day”

- They have **real, deep, personal relationship**
- This wasn't like reading a book by your favorite Christian teacher
- Paul **planted** this church (**Acts 16:11-40**)
- They **Know & Trust** him

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Vs. 6, Paul's confidence in God's future for them
(**Luke 22:31-34 & John 21:15-17**)

- **Romans 11:29**

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Vs. 9, His call to continuous increase of *love, knowledge & discernment*

- Each integral to the fullness of the others

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Vs. 10, To *discern, affirm & demonstrate* what is good (Ch. 4)

- By lives that are **free of offense**
- Offense is **relational**, & offenses are taken, not given
- When offered - decline

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Vs. 11, To *be being filled* with the *fruits* of Christ's righteousness

- **Galatians 5:22-26**
- These fruits **don't cohabit** with offenses
- Jesus's response to offenses is **Matthew 5:9**

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Paul is addressing **relational problems** arising among them...

- **NOT** by chastising what's wrong (as at Corinth)
- But by calling them to **what is right in Christ!**
(Repentance **TO** is more powerful than repentance from)
- Conviction of Righteousness is **Life** changing (& discards death)