

**Phil 1:1****The same spirit of faith****The same spirit of faith as seen in Paul's relationship with the church of Philippi**

1. Paul had a special relationship with the Philippian church
2. They had the same spirit of faith which is much reflected in the epistle
3. We want to learn how we may cultivate this same of spirit
4. This same spirit of faith stems from how Paul regarded himself and others.
5. This is seen in his salutation to the church

**The regard of Paul seen in his salutation to the church****1. A humble regard for himself                      Phil 1:1**

- a. Paul was an Apostle
- b. Yet he saw himself as a bondservant of Christ
  - i. Historical concept                      Deut 15:12-18
  - ii. Paul applied the fullness and depth of the concept to himself and Timothy

**2. A special regard for Timothy                      Phil 1:1**

- a. Special relationship
  - i. A "father and son" relationship
  - ii. Sense of closeness
- b. Honour given
  - i. Included Timothy's name
  - ii. Special honour given to Timothy

**3. A loving and living regard for the brethren                      Phil 1:1**

- a. Seen as saints in Christ
- b. "The sanctified ones"
  - i. Salvation through Christ                      Rom 3,5

ii. Sanctified ...made holy                      2 Tim 2:21, Heb 2:11

iii. Standing as saints

**4. A respectful regard for the leaders      Phil 1:1**

a. Proper regard given to the overseers and deacons

b. Seen as a group of leaders

c. Special recognition of the leaders

**5. The highest regard for Christ      Phil 1:1**

a. By Christ

b. In Christ

**The challenge to follow the example of Paul**

1. Recognition of Paul as an outstanding example for us to follow

2. The challenge to be Christ-centred in life and ministry

3. Cultivate the same servant-mindset as Paul

4. Challenge to have the right regard for the brethren

5. It is with such regard that we can cultivate the same spirit of faith