

**Phil 1:5**

**The Fellowship In The Gospel**

**Review**

1. Paul set himself as an example of prayerfulness
2. Prayer requires a close relationship with the Lord
3. Our challenge is to learn to give thanks and to intercede on behalf of others

**The understanding of Paul concerning fellowship**

“For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now” (Phil 1:5)

**1. Fellowship as a basis for prayer**

- a. ἐπὶ...with the dative... on the basis of, for
- b. On the basis of his fellowship with the Philippian brethren that Paul made his prayers for the brethren

**2. The kind of fellowship**

- a. A specific kind of fellowship
- b. It is a reference to the Biblical concept of fellowship
- c. It also describes the relationship between Paul and the Philippian church

**3. The sphere of fellowship**

- a. This is a specific kind of gospel...not another kind of gospel
  - i. This is the gospel of Christ (1 Cor 1,2)
  - ii. Cf. Galatians 1:6 “eis” to a different gospel
- b. Not an outside (worldly) kind of fellowship
  - i. Fellowship with the world (James 4:4)
  - ii. Fellowship with those of false teachings (2 John 10)

c. Inside the gospel kind of fellowship

i. Those who are of Christ

ii. Those who are saints and brethren

iii. Those who are of the same kind of faith

### **The time element concerning this fellowship**

1. Fellowship will involve time

2. Stating of the time frame

a. From the first day

b. Until now

### **Reference to the beginning of the Paul's ministry with the Philippian church**

1. The Macedonian call (Acts 16:6-10)

2. Outreach to Lydia (Acts 16:11-15)

3. The imprisonment of Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-24)

4. The salvation of the Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:25-34)

### **Challenges**

1. Develop fellowship with reference to the gospel

2. Consistently build a strong relationship and bond

3. Give time to fellowship

a. Weekly

b. Special occasions

c. Personal time

d. Keeping in touch