

What does Paul mean by the “fruit of righteousness”? What is its origin?

The Greek word in this passage for partnership is *Koinonia*, which can also mean fellowship or sharing. Who is in this partnership and what is its purpose?

Where have you seen partnership in the gospel at Century Baptist Church? Explain.

Share some examples of what partnership in the gospel should look like at Century Baptist Church?

What steps are you willing to take to more effectively live into partnership in the gospel with others?

How have you grown in love with knowledge and discernment recently? In the last 5 years?

How can we, Century Baptist Church, work better together growing in love and righteousness?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

APPLICATION

What will you do this week to encourage someone in his or her faith in Jesus?

With whom will you partner in the gospel? How? When?

MEMORY VERSE

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series:
A Life of Joy

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Growth in Partnership

Philippians 1:3-11

1. Intro — Joyful Remembrance
2. Partnership in the Gospel vv. 3-8
3. Growth in Love and Righteousness vv.9-11

Sermon available at centurybaptist.org/watch/

Community Life Group Sermon-Based Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a Community Life Group or Bible study. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is designed to facilitate interaction by diving into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. While this study guide can be used individually, the greatest benefit of growth comes when people are interacting with each other around Biblical truth.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

Would you rather work alone or with someone? Why?

INTRODUCTION to *A Life of Joy* series

The letter to the church in Philippi is one of four written from prison (this time he is under house arrest in Rome) by the Apostle Paul. Founded on his second missionary journey, the Philippian Church was the first church established by Paul in Europe (Acts 16). This letter is a thank you for the kindness and generosity shown by the saints there. “It’s usually difficult to capture the essence of a letter in one word, but in the case of Philippians, that one word is *joy*. Paul didn’t write to answer any profound theological question, solve some knotty practical problem, or deal with a specific sin. Instead, he wrote to express and encourage joy. In a way, the book of Philippians is a showcase of joy. Like a treasure on display in the center of a gallery, joy can be examined from several angles to better appreciate its brilliance. Each of the four chapters reveals one of the distinct facets of that joy.”

[Swindoll, C. R. (2017). *Philippians, Colossians, Philemon* (Vol. 9, p. 11). Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.]

READ Philippians 1:3-11

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What accompanies Paul’s remembrance of the Philippian saints? How often?

What is the basis for Paul’s remembrance of the disciples at Philippi?

For whom are you thankful to God that he/she is in your life? Why?

What does it mean to “offer prayer with joy” (v. 4)?

How does one cultivate a lifestyle of always offering prayer with joy?

For how long had the Philippians participated in the gospel?

How had the Philippian saints participated in the gospel with Paul?

In what ways do you imagine the Apostle was encouraged by the Philippian Church’s participation in the gospel?

Of what is Paul confident?

What work had God started in the Philippians’ lives?

What does Paul mean by bringing that work to completion at the day of Jesus Christ?

What does it mean to long for someone with the affection of Christ Jesus (v. 8)?

Specifically, what does Paul pray for the Philippian believers?

How does Paul express his feelings in being separated from the Philippians?

What is the desired outcome of Paul’s prayer (vv. 9-11)?