



## 7. The Fellowship of the King Philippians 1:3-8

- In a fragmented world, the church is to be God's model community

### 1. Paul's attitude to God's people

#### a) Thankfulness to God for the Philippians v3

- Thankful because of their partnership in God's work (v5)
  - 'partnership' - they rolled up their sleeves and worked alongside Paul in advancing the gospel
- Thankful because of God's work in them (v6)
  - Paul was delighted to see their growth and progress
  - Delighted because God is changing and guarding them

#### b) Prayer to God for the Philippians v4

- Who and what we pray for reveals what matters to us
- Paul is in prison, yet he is pre-occupied with others
- Paul prays regularly, and persistently for these Christians (v4)
- Paul prays specifically for their spiritual welfare (v9-11)

#### c) Love for the Philippians v7-8

- Love for fellow Christians is evidence of salvation (1 John 3:14)
- We are to care deeply about those whom Christ cares deeply for
- Their concerns, welfare and progress should concern us
- Such love is to find ways of expressing itself

### 2. Paul's attitude is modelled on Christ's attitude

#### a) Christ is thankful to the Father for all his people

- John 17:2, Ps 2:8: believers are a gift to the Son from the Father
- Hebrews 2:11,13, Psalm 16:3 refer to his delight in us
- Your Saviour thanks/praises his Father for you

#### b) Christ prays to the Father for all his people

- If we are believers then we have Christ interceding for us
- John 17:20-26, Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25

#### c) Christ delights in and loves all his people

- "with the affection of Christ Jesus" v8
- The Christian is brought into a staggering relationship
- "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you" – John 15:9

### 3. What is our attitude?

- God is building a new community – will we play our role in it?
- Will we delight in fellow Christians as those in whom God is working?
- Will we pray regularly and specifically?
- Will we demonstrate selfless love and concern to them?



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Sunday 13th September 09

Welcome to our service this morning - today we are remembering Christ's death for sinners as we take part in the Lord's Supper.

If you are a Christian and haven't joined with us for the Lord's Supper before, or haven't yet spoken to the elders about your faith in Jesus Christ, we'd invite you to watch, and come and speak to Mark before our next communion.

If you aren't a Christian, or not sure, we'd invite you to watch as well, and if you have any questions, speak to Mark or one of the elders afterwards.

#### Notices

Sun	Evening service in Day Centre Thanksgiving Service for Communion - Philippians 1:9-11	8pm
Tues	Presbytery meets at Bready	8pm
Thurs	Bible Study @ Colin & Carolines Note change to Thursday for the next couple of weeks	8pm
Fri 25th	Fellowship food and games evening	

We welcome Jonny McCollum to Letterkenny on his Short-term service year with us. He'll be here for the next year, alternating between Milford and Letterkenny on Sundays. Please take every opportunity to get to know him and make him feel at home in Donegal.

#### Wider Church News

- Derek Petrie has accepted a call to the Larne congregation
- John Coates has accepted a call to the Kellswater congregation

#### Christianity Explored

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- You won't be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

Sunday 20th - Phillipians 1:12ff

Opening Psalm: 106:1-6

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