



## *The Church of Philippi*

Philippians 1:7 - "... in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace."

Writing from his detention house in Rome, Paul expressed his confidence that God would continue to bless the church until they met Christ (v. 6). What gave him that confidence was his compassion for them (7a). His compassion, in turn, was rooted in their love for him, which was evidenced in their walking according to the pattern of his life. They spoke boldly the gospel of salvation, and encouraged those who were in bonds for doing the same. Living like Paul lived they received the benefit of God's grace as Paul did. In our modern age strong desire often substitutes for proof, and motivates behavior ("I don't see anything wrong with it," and therefore it's right). The philosophy has invaded the church. It is common now to find in the fellowship of Christians those who make no effort to preach or defend the gospel, yet lay claim to the grace of God. Paul said that the Philippian church shared alike with him the grace of God because they defended and confirmed as he did. Are you sure that God will bless you with strength to endure (and Heaven after a while) if you don't follow Paul's example? How is it possible take an opposite road and end in the same place? The way to God's blessings is through faithful service to Him. "Faithful" means according to what is written.

*Is His Book your guide in life, or are you following a different way?*

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*Please maintain prayer for our sick  
and afflicted...thank you*

*"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" James 5:16*

- **Roger Starkey** (Allen) health concerns
- **Pam Brodus** (Donna) personal issues
- **Chantel** (Carolyn Ropp) health issues
- **Ronnie Workman**-COPD complications
- **Donna Brown**-personal issues
- **Carolyn Carbone**-health issues and family
- **Kelly Fitzgerald**-recovering from fall, living conditions
- **Tony Rankin**-preaching school
- **Cindy Kontz** (Phil and Carolyn) cancer treatment
- **Andrew Meadows** (Gabe) paralyzed from fall
- **Ernest and Charlotte Shaw** cancer free, but still has back issues
- **James Graham** (Donna) numbness in foot
- **Michael Scott** health and spiritual issues
- **Mary Katherine** (Deborah) cancer
- **Lisa Kohl** (Shanika) mourning
- **Patterson Family** loss of Pat
- **Reeves Family** (Donna) health issues, granddaughter has infection
- **Kile Thompson** (Wellman) cancer treatment
- **Faukner Family** (Andy) son in law being able to come to States
- **Bill Collins** (Shanika) diagnosed with cancer
- **Jenny Wimberly** (Browns) hip issues
- **Richardson Family** (Shanika) health issues-father
- **Smith Family** (Donna) loss of 2 yr old grandchild
- **Ed Kijewski** (Ron) given six months to live notice from doctors
- **Muhammed Family** (Miya) loss of mother
- **James Taylor** (Gabe) financial issues
- **Gloria Dixon** (Gabe) breast cancer, pain issues
- **Ann Howdysell** (Kelly) being placed in long term care
- **Hampton Family** Chuck's mom having medication issues
- **Eric Mittlefehldt** (Marrita) recovering from lung cancer
- **Grant Family** Karen, Jenay and Lenora personal issues
- **Maritta Murphy** fall and injured leg
- **Klug Family** move into area, personal issues
- **Chancey Family** move into area