

# COMPLETED IN CHRIST

Philippians 1:3-11  
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## INTRO:

1. Philippi's status
2. Paul's status

## A. ADMONITION: PAUL'S PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1. The **people** in your journey (v. 3-4)
2. The **partners** in the ministry (v. 5)
3. The **progress** in the work (v. 6)

## B. AFFECTION: PAUL'S DEEP LOVE AND APPRECIATION

1. The highest **calling** (v. 7a)
2. The greatest **feeling** (v. 7b-8)

## C. ADVANCEMENT: PAUL'S VISION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. Prioritize **knowledge** and **understanding** (v. 9)
2. Practice **discernment** in living (v. 10)
3. Produce a **godly character** (v. 11)

## CONCLUSION:

**Thoughtfulness.** Reflect on the impact of people in your life.

**Heartfelt.** Let your appreciation come from the heart.

**Acts of Gratitude.** Show your gratitude through actions.

**Nurture.** Foster and maintain connections with the people who helped you.

**Kind Words.** Use uplifting words to acknowledge others' contributions.

**Sharing of Blessings.** Gratitude grows when it is passed on.

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Icebreaker. Look around the group and have each person share one thing they are thankful for about another person in the group. It could be something they appreciate about that person's character, something kind they've done, or a positive way they've impacted the group.
2. Gratitude for Community (v. 3-5)
  - Paul starts by thanking God every time he remembers the Philippians. Why do you think gratitude is important in our relationships with other believers?
  - Who in your life are you especially grateful for in your journey of faith? How might you express that gratitude to them this week?
3. Confidence in God's Work (v. 6)
  - Paul expresses confidence that God, who began a good work in the Philippians, will carry it on to completion. How does this verse encourage you regarding your own spiritual journey?
  - Are there areas in your life where you feel like you haven't made enough progress? How does it help to know that God is committed to completing His work in you?
4. Partnership in the Gospel (v. 5-7)
  - In what ways are you currently partnering with others in ministry, either in the church or in your personal life? Are there new opportunities for partnership that you might explore?
5. Growing in Love, Knowledge, and Discernment (v. 9-10)
  - Paul prays for the Philippians to grow in love, knowledge, and discernment. Why do you think it's important for love to be accompanied by knowledge and discernment?
6. Living for God's Glory (v. 11)
  - Paul prays that the Philippians will be filled with the "fruit of righteousness" that comes through Jesus Christ. What do you think it looks like to be filled with the fruit of righteousness?
  - How can we live in a way that reflects God's righteousness and brings Him glory in our everyday lives?

### Application

- Express Gratitude: This week, think of someone who has been instrumental in your spiritual life. Take time to thank them—whether through a message, a call, or even a small gesture.
- Pray for Each Other: As Paul prayed for the Philippians, commit to praying for one person in this group throughout the week, specifically that they would grow in love, knowledge, and discernment.