

Construction Zone

Philippians 1:3-11, 27-30

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Emmanuel Baptist Church

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(CSB) - *I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

***6I am sure of this, that he
who started a good work in
you will carry it on to
completion until the day of
Christ Jesus.*** ***7Indeed, it is
right for me to think this way
about all of you, because I
have you in my heart, and***

you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And I pray

***this: that your love will keep
on growing in knowledge
and every kind of
discernment, ¹⁰so that you
may approve the things that
are superior and may be
pure and blameless in the
day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the***

fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God. ...

²⁷ Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come

and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a

*sign of destruction for them,
but of your salvation—and
this is from God. ²⁹For it has
been granted to you on
Christ's behalf not only to
believe in him, but also to
suffer for him, ³⁰since you
are engaged in the same*

***struggle that you saw I had
and now hear that I have.***

**1. Partnership in
the gospel is
evidence of God
at work.**

Philippians 1:5, 7 (CSB) – ...
*your partnership in the
gospel from the first day
until now. ... ⁷You are all
partners with me in grace,
both in my imprisonment
and in the defense and
confirmation of the gospel.*

Acts 16:12–15 (CSB) - *and from there to Philippi, a Roman colony and a leading city of the district of Macedonia. ...* ¹³***On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate by the river, where we expected to***

find a place of prayer. We sat down and spoke to the women gathered there. ¹⁴A God-fearing woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to

respond to what Paul was saying. ¹⁵After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, “If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

**2. Continued
growth in love
and knowledge
is evidence of
God at work.**

Philippians 1:9-11 (CSB) –

And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment,¹⁰ so that you may approve the things that are superior and may be

pure and blameless in the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

**3. Perseverance in
the face of
opposition is
evidence of God
at work.**

Philippians 1:27-30 (CSB) –
Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one

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but of your salvation—and
this is from God. ²⁹For it has***

been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,³⁰ since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have.