

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Philippians Series: *Our Abiding Joy in Christ*

Sermon #1: Philippians 1:1-8

“So Thankful to God for You...”

Sermon Point (What is the main idea of our passage?): The fellowship we enjoy in the gospel is ample cause for joyful thanksgiving to God for each other.

Sermon Aim (What do we want the sermon to do in each of our lives?):

- To motivate us to be profoundly thankful for one another as Christians belonging to this church.
- To evaluate the nature of the relationships we enjoy in our church. Are they primarily gospel-centered? And if so, are they marked by Christlike love for one another?

Sermon Outline:

- The prequel to joyful thanksgiving: grace & peace (vv.1-2)
- The basis of joyful thanksgiving: our sincere fellowship in the gospel (vv.3-5)
- The substance of joyful thanksgiving: our intense love for believers (vv.6-8).

May our strongest relationships be with those who lead us to Christ, not with those who draw us away from Christ. May our deepest friendships be gospel friendships.

- Kevin DeYoung