

Thank you Jesus, for your church

Philippians 1:3-11

- When I think of the Church, am I thankful for EVERY OTHER believer?
- When I think of the Church, am I thankful for and CONFIDENT in God's WORK?
- When I think of the church, am I thankful I can LOVE and PRAY for it?
 - Pray that our LOVE for each other will grow in MATURITY.
 - Pray for every believer's CHRISTIAN CHARACTER to be refined.
 - Pray for righteous FRUIT PRODUCTION in every believer.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you think of the Church, is your first response to be thankful? Why or why not?
2. When you read Philippians 1:3 – 5, what was the reason Paul could be thankful for every other believer? Is it possible that we can be thankful in the same way? What are some things that get in the way of having a thankful heart for Jesus' Church and what would have to change in us to be able to do this? (Consider reading Romans 12 for some suggestions).
3. Read verses 6 – 7. How does God's good work change the way we should think of other believers that struggle with immaturity and sin? How does the grace mentioned in verse 7 help us be thankful for them as well? (Read 1 Corinthians 1:4 – 8. And in light of those verses, consider how much correction the Corinthian church needed.)
4. Read verses 8 – 11. When Paul prayed for the church in Philippi, he prayed for their love to abound more and more. What does this look like in your relationship to the church? How do we purposely love every believer at Temecula Hills more and more?
5. As we pray for each other, what are the things we should desire God to grow and mature in each of us? How will these things bring about more thankfulness in me?
6. Take the time in your family circle to specifically pray verses 9 – 11 for each other. Be thankful that God chose every one of you, that He is at work and will finish the job, and that we will continue to grow and mature to the glory and praise of God.

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Notes

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle