

## Joyful Faith

IN AN UNPREDICTABLE WORLD

**WELCOME!** This morning we're beginning a study of Paul's letter to the church in the city of Philippi. Written during a period of imprisonment, Paul's words nevertheless reflect a deep joy rooted in his relationship with Jesus. He thanks the church for their support, commends their service, and shapes their perspective on suffering. Thank you for joining us as we think about these things!

## Participate

WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH  
ORDINANCES AND TRADITIONS

- » **LORD'S SUPPER, JANUARY 19:** Share in the bread and cup that symbolize our unity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Gluten-free servings are available at the back of the room for those who need them.*
- » **CHILD DEDICATION, FEBRUARY 9:** Parents, commit your children to the Lord as we welcome them into our community. *Sign up in Church Center if your family would like to dedicate a child during a worship service.*
- » **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, MARCH 23:** Proclaim your faith to your church family and follow Jesus in the practice of water baptism. *Sign up in Church Center if you'd like to be baptized during a worship service.*
- » **GIVE AT ANY TIME:** Financial giving in Grace Church is an act of worship to be done freely, joyously, and only as prompted by the Lord. *Gifts can be made at any offering box or online through Church Center.*

### I. Introduction

- » What do you want?
- » How to read the Bible
- » Background of Philippians

### II. Paul's gratitude for the church — Philippians 1:1–8

- » Greeting and blessing of grace and peace — Philippians 1:1–2
- » Appreciation for their consistent partnership — Philippians 1:3–5
- » Confidence that God would continue his work of sanctification — Philippians 1:6
- » Paul's loving attachment to the church as they share in the grace of the gospel — Philippians 1:7–8

### III. Paul's prayer for the church — Philippians 1:9–11

- » Paul's prayer is that their love would overflow more and more — Philippians 1:9
- » This love would allow them to discern what is good and partner with God in his process of sanctification — Philippians 1:10
- » The fruit of righteousness comes through abiding in Jesus — Philippians 1:11

## Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS  
IN THE SPACE BELOW

## Takeaways

## PROMPTS TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND APPLY WHAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING

- » What do your wants reveal about your heart?
- » Do you tend to see the forest or the trees?
- » Why are both important when reading Scripture?
- » How can you make gratitude a rhythm of your life?
- » When have you tasted God's love?
- » As you read Philippians this week, what stands out to you?

# Announcement

IMPORTANT NEWS  
SHARED TODAY



Two new classes for adults begin upstairs Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM:

- » **DOCTRINES OF GRACE:** As a church ultimately under the authority and headship of Jesus Christ, what defines our practices and shapes our culture is *doctrine* — an understanding of what the Bible says. In this series, we will explore some of the central beliefs we hold and dig into how the Bible helps us build these truths.
- » **FOR MEN ONLY / FOR WOMEN ONLY:** Our marriage ministry team will lead two separate studies this semester, one for husbands and one for wives. Shaunti Feldhahn's curriculum offers valuable insight into the needs and perspectives of our spouses and how we can better relate to, serve, and love them.
- » **NEXT STEPS:** Sign up online in Church Center or at [gracechurch.com](http://gracechurch.com)!

## Learn More

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS  
AND FIND INFORMATION

**WELCOME CENTER:** Stop by and talk with us this morning

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** Full calendar and current events

**WEBSITE:** Find detailed info online at [gracechurch.com](http://gracechurch.com)

**CHURCH CENTER APP:** Stay connected and go paperless ➦

