

Encouraged by Your Growing



Philippians 1:3-11

Introduction

- Focus on Philippians through the lens of encouragement
- “Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ...” (Philippians 2:1).
- Notice lessons through the spring & summer
- Encouragement is the cement
- Illustration of George Truett



Preaching Emphasis Spring and Summer 2017

**Encouragement from Philippians
Continuation of *Faith, Tradition, &
Culture Series***



- **May 7**—Philippians 1:3-11 Encouraged by Your Growing
- **May 14**-- Philippians 1:12-26 Encouraged by staying and preaching!
- **May 21**—*Jesus and Tradition*
- **May 28**-- Philippians 1:27-30 Encouraged in this fight together!

- **June 4**-- Philippians 2:1-4 Encouraged to make our joy complete
- **June 11**—*Paul and Tradition*
- **June 18**-- Philippians 2:5-11 Encouraged to have the Mindset of Christ
- **June 25**-- Philippians 2:12-30 Encouraged by God Working in us

- **July 2**-- Philippians 3:1-6 Encouraged by boasting in Christ
- **July 9**-- Philippians 3:7-14 Encouraged by pressing on toward the goal
- **July 16**—*Peter and Tradition*
- **July 23**-- Philippians 3:15-21 Encouraged by our citizenship in heaven
- **July 30**-- Philippians 4:1-3 Encouraged by being of the same mind

- **Aug 6**-- Philippians 4:4-9 Encouraged by the peace of God
- **Aug 13**-- Philippians 4:10-23 Encouraged to be content
- **Aug 20**—*Role of traditions in unity and fellowship*
- **Aug 27**—Levi preaches

Encouraged by Your Growing in Partnership of the Gospel

- Partnerships are amazing when they grow together
- Philippians is immersed in the grammar of partnership
- *Means ironing out differences*
- They “labored” with him in the gospel



Encouraged by Your Growing in the Work God Began

- Literally, “that the One who!”
- Having begun...at time of conversion
- A good work in you...progress & process
- Will complete it (mature, full, grown)
- Until the day of Jesus Christ—assumes the return, coming



Encouraged by Your Growing while I am in chains

- One of the four of Paul's prison letters
- A lot accomplished by Paul in prison!
- Chains—advance the gospel! 1:12
- 1:7, 13, 14, 17
- Extraordinary setting to talk about joy!
- Focused on their growth!



Encouraged by Your Growing in Love that Abounds

- Significant part of the prayer
- Your love may abound more and more
- What does it mean for love to abound?
- Tied in with knowledge and discernment
- Toward each other, toward God, toward Paul
- 1:26 Your confidence in me may abound in Christ



Encouraged by Your Growing Ability to Discern

- Knowledge & Discernment in order to approve, distinguish, etc.
- The things that are excellent
- Pure & blameless—looking forward to the day of Christ
- Being filled (perfect) with fruit of righteousness
- To the glory and praise of God



Encouraged by Your Growing...



- **In partnership of the gospel**
- **In the work God began**
- **While I am in chains**
- **In love that abounds**
- **Ability to discern**