Philippians 1:1-11

A True Partnership in Christ

Philippians 3:1a; 4:4

3:1a Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Humble Servants of Christ (v. 1-2)

Co-Laborers Invested Together (v. 3-8)

Philippians 4:11-13

¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Still More Love Needed (v. 9-11)

John 15:4-5

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

 Humble Servants – We are all Bondservants of Christ

 Koinonia – We must be invested together in the Lord's work

 Still More Love – We must not settle for a love that is "good enough"

Scripture Meditation:

Philippians 1:3-6

³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Benediction:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.