

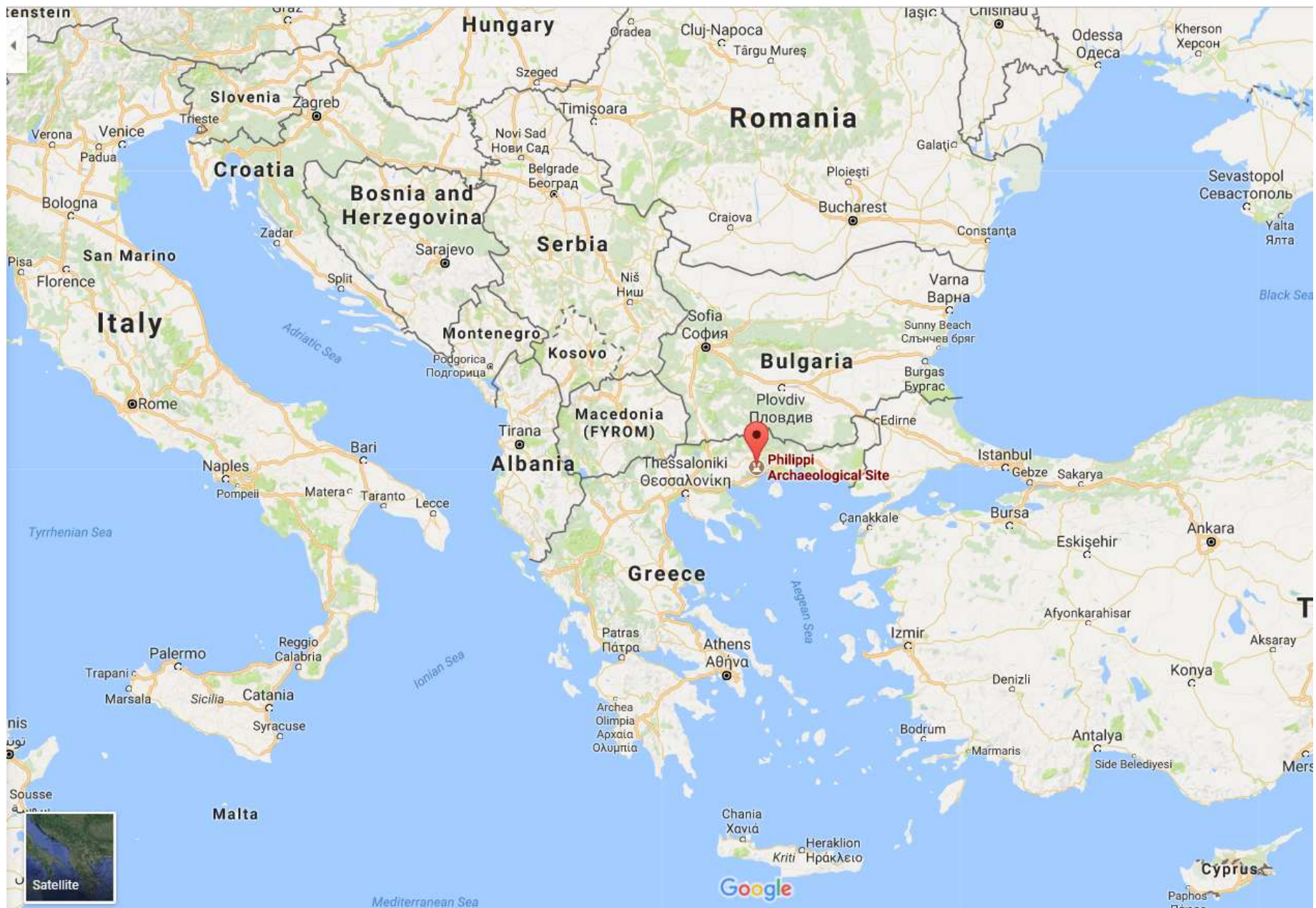
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# To the Saints at Philippi

## Philippians 1:1-11



**<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: <sup>2</sup> Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, <sup>5</sup> For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; <sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ: <sup>7</sup> Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. <sup>8</sup> For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; <sup>10</sup> That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**







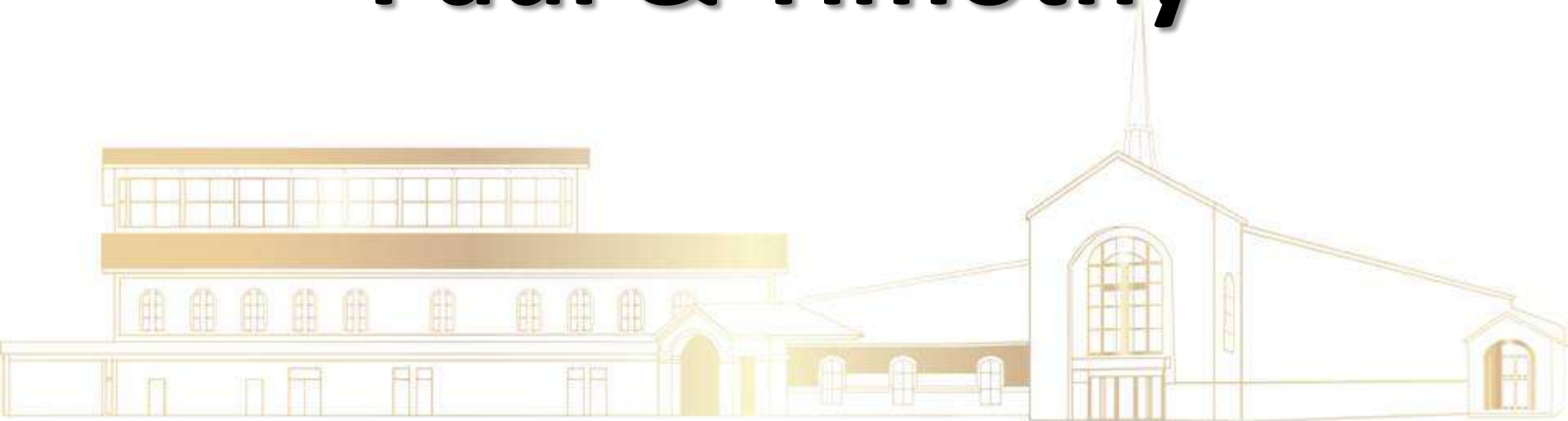


# Philippians 1:1

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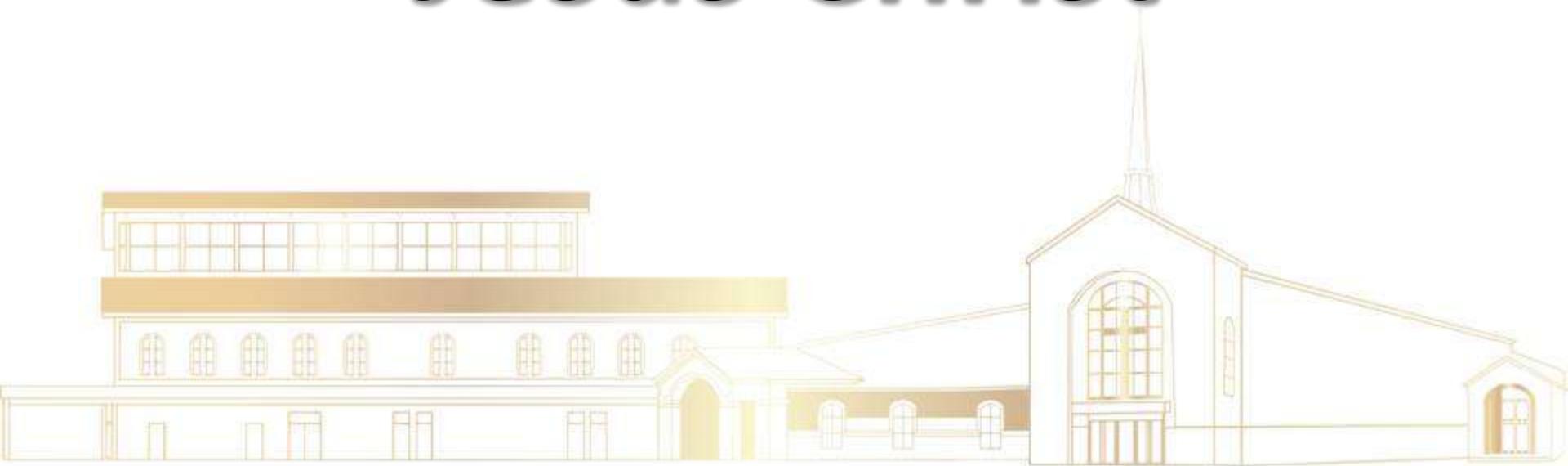
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# **Consider the relationship of Paul & Timothy**



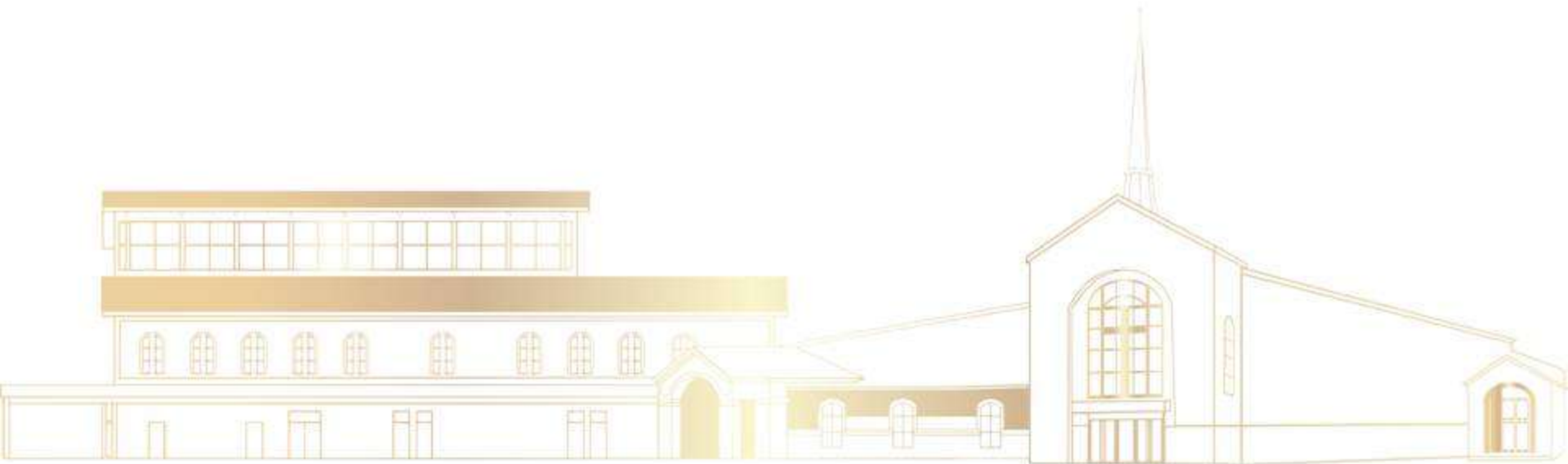
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# ***Doulos of Jesus Christ***



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# All the Saints





# Saints

- Is literally “Holy Ones”
- Christians have been made holy by the blood of Jesus Christ and are expected to live holy lives



# Church Organization

- Overseers (bishops)
- Deacons
- Saints



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**Notice saints that are not  
w/ overseers & deacons is  
not in mind here—that  
category is never  
considered.**





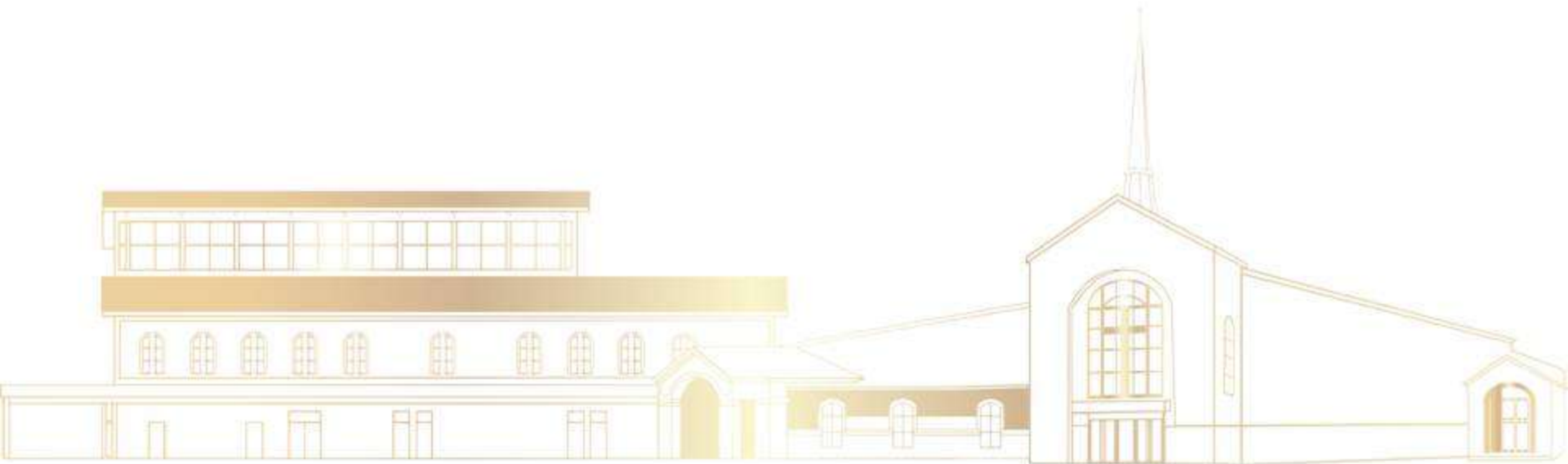
# Philippians 1:2

- Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.



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# Grace from God



# Grace Defined

**1 a : unmerited divine assistance given man for his regeneration or sanctification**

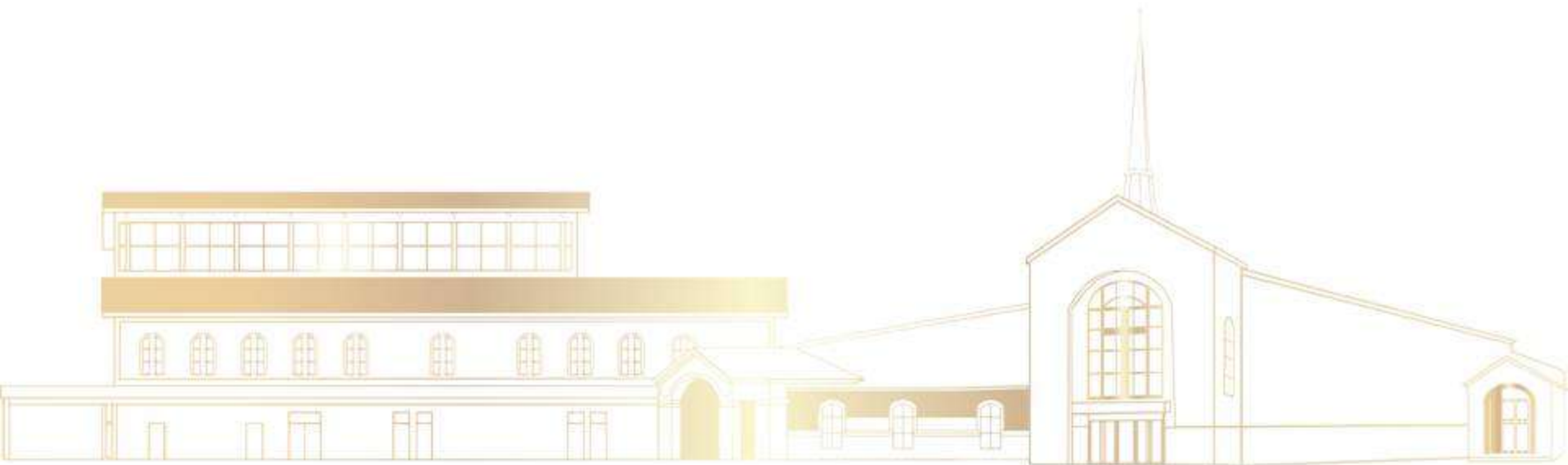
**b : a virtue coming from God**

**Merriam-Webster**



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**And peace**





# Philippians 1:3-4

- I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
- Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,



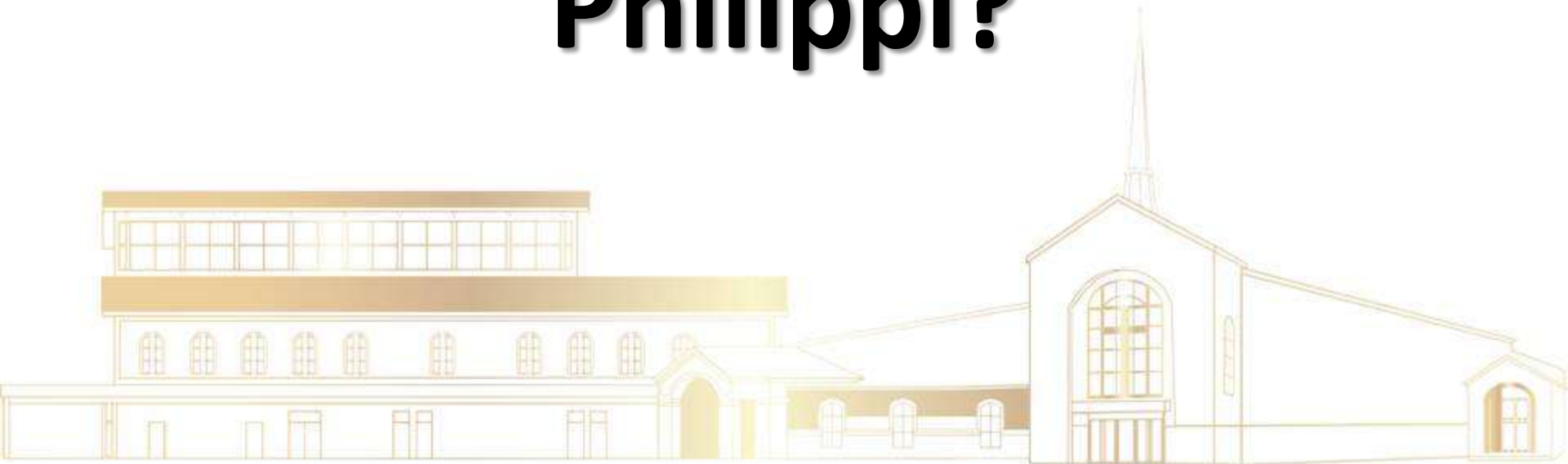
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**When was the last time  
you thanked God for  
something & someone  
beyond food?**



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# **Why is Paul thanking God for these saints at Philippi?**





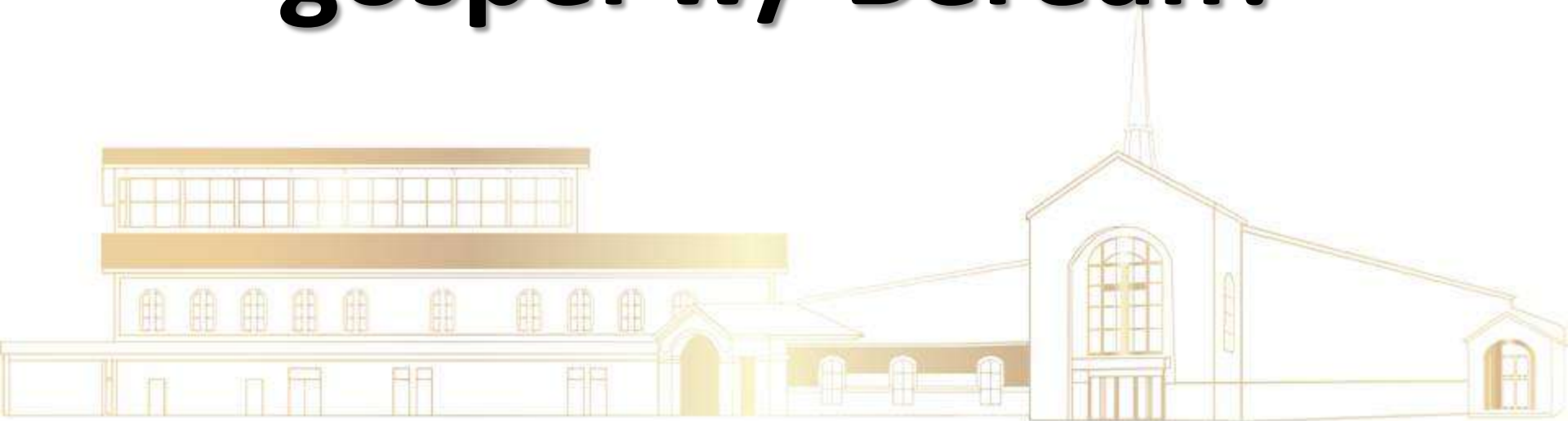
# Philippians 1:5 (ESV)

- because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

**4:15-16**  
**explains this**

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**Are you a partner in the  
advancement of the  
gospel w/ Berean?**





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**Partners receive reward  
for their investment  
both now and in  
eternity.**



# Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

Give, and it will be given to you:  
good measure, pressed down,  
shaken together, and running  
over will be put into your  
bosom. For with the same  
measure that you use, it will be  
measured back to you.”



# Luke 12:33 (ESV)

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.





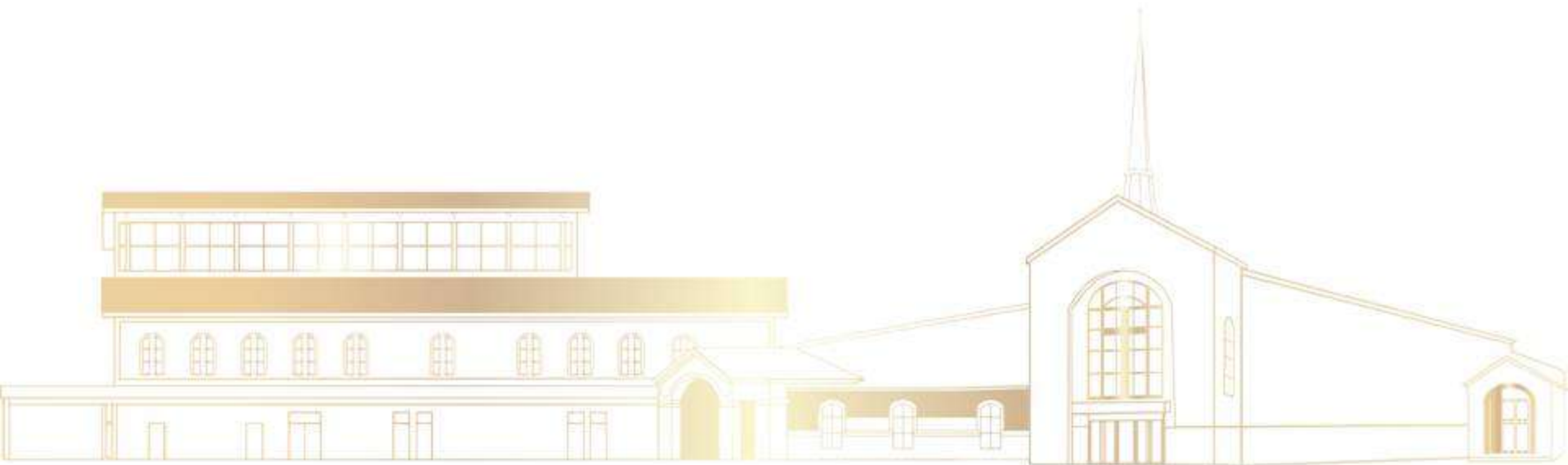
# Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

- And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



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**Our salvation begins  
and ends with the Lord.**



# Salvation Fact

The greater degree to which we see the Spirit of the Lord working in the life of a person gives us greater confidence in the authenticity of their salvation.



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**The eternal security of the  
believer rests with the  
Sovereign Will of God from  
the beginning to the end.**





# Philippians 1:7 (ESV)

- It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart,

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**Look @ v. 8**





# Philippians 1:8

- For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.



affection

A white arrow pointing upwards, with the word 'affection' written in black text inside its shaft.



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**Paul is describing the  
affection we have one  
for another as brothers  
and sisters in Christ.**



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# turn over to 2 Peter 1



# 2 Peter 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness **with brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with love.



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**If you don't have such  
affection please ask  
yourself why.**



# Let's Be Clear:

**You will not develop this affection for other brothers and sisters in Christ if you don't know their names—why do you think Berean put such emphasis on connecting with people?**







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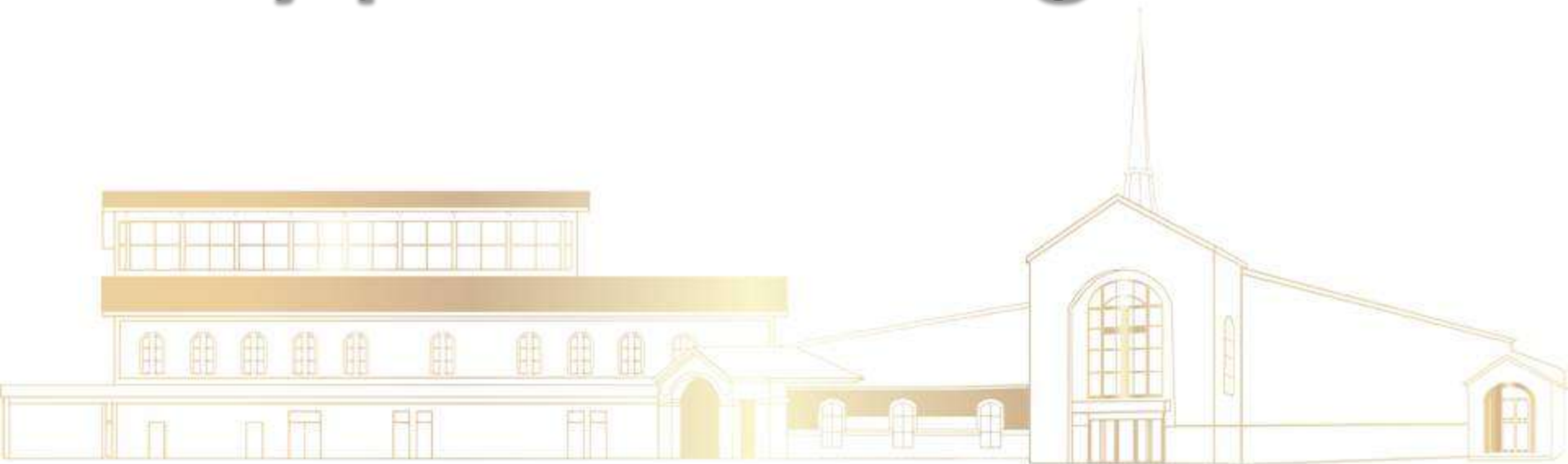


# Philippians 1:7 (ESV)

- for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

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**What does Paul mean  
by partakers of grace?**





partaker



*intransitive verb*

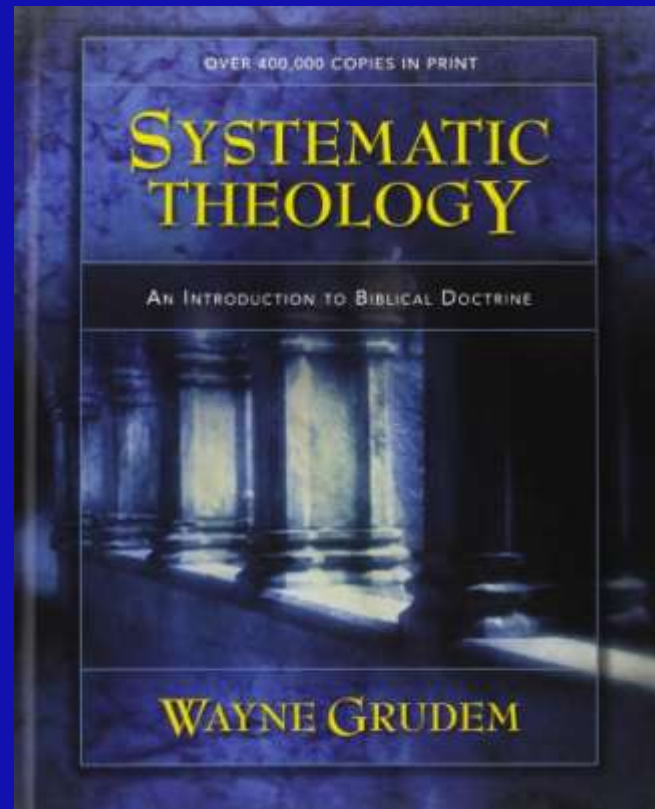
- 1** : to take part in or experience something along with others *⟨partake in the revelry⟩*  
*⟨partake of the good life⟩*
- 2** : to have a portion (as of food or drink)
- 3** : to possess or share a certain nature or attribute *⟨the experience partakes of a mystical quality⟩*

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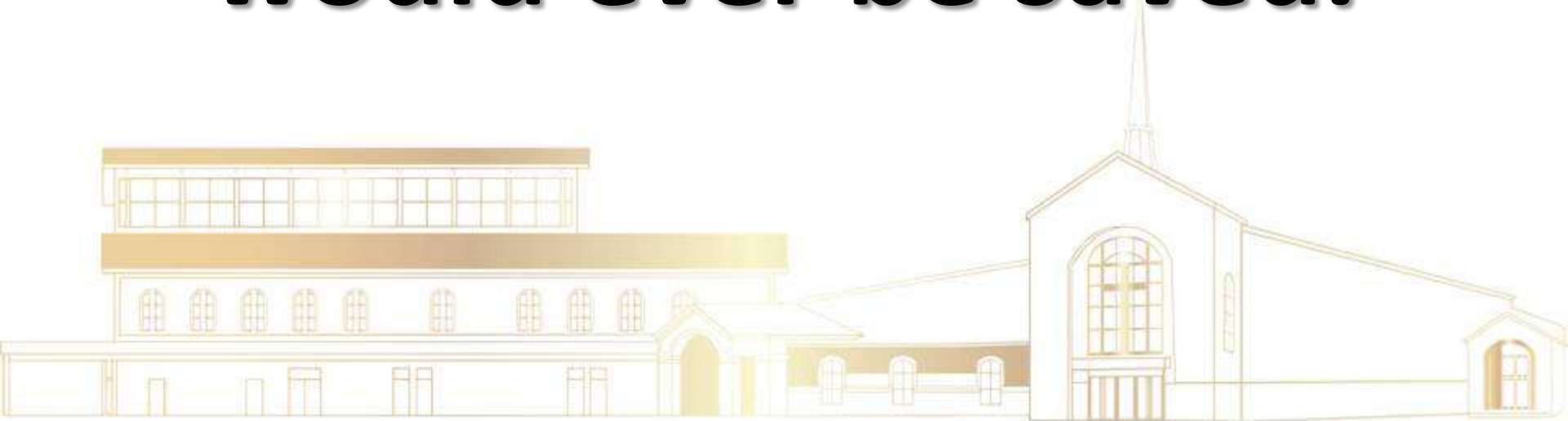
# Grace Defined

God's  
goodness  
toward those  
who deserve  
only  
punishment.



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**Apart from God's grace  
no one; no, not one;  
would ever be saved.**



# Ephesians 2:8

For by grace are ye  
**saved** through faith;

and that not of yourselves: *it*  
*is* the gift of God:





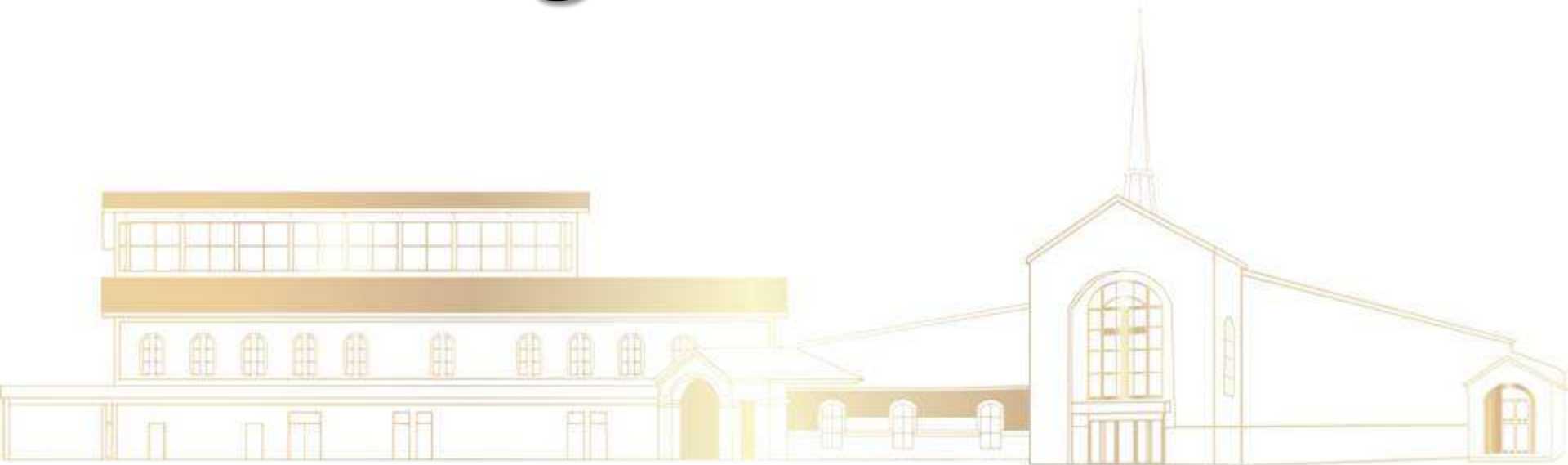
# 2 Timothy 1:9

who saved us and called us to  
a holy calling, not because of  
our works **but because of his  
own purpose and grace,**  
which he gave us in Christ  
Jesus before the ages began,



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**Paul never got over  
God's grace in his life.**



**What is the most  
significant  
implication of being a  
partaker of God's  
grace?**



**I am more gracious because I  
have been a recipient of  
grace.**

**I am more merciful because I  
have been shown mercy.**

**I am more forgiving because  
my sins have been forgiven.**



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**No group of people on the planet should be more gracious with others than those who have partaken in the grace of God.**



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Look @ v. 9





# Philippians 1:9 (ESV)

- And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

**Why?**





# Philippians 1:10 (ESV)

- **so that you may approve** what is excellent, **and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,**

**The day of Christ is the day of Judgment.**

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**The purpose of developing  
a biblical worldview is to  
minimize the judgment I  
will receive when must  
give an account for the life  
I lived.**





# Philippians 4:8

- Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.





# Philippians 1:11 (ESV)

- **filled with the fruit of righteousness** that comes through Jesus Christ,



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**The words of Jesus in  
John 15 bring great  
clarity to this text  
from Paul.**





# John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither **can you [bear fruit], unless you abide in me.** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, **he it is that bears much fruit,** for apart from me you can do nothing.



# Hebrews 12:11 (AV)

Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable **fruit of righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby.





# Philippians 1:11 (ESV)

- filled with the fruit of righteousness that  
comes through Jesus Christ,
- to the glory and praise of  
God.



# Fruit of Righteousness

- **Spirit of Generosity** / absence of selfishness
- **Work Ethic** / absence of slothfulness
- **Kindness toward others** / absence of rudeness
- **Personal purity** / absence of promiscuity
- **Appropriate language** / absence of vulgarity
- **Integrity and honesty** / absence of dishonesty
- **Contentment** / absence of covetousness



# Galatians 5:22–23 (NET)

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Against such things there is no law.