

# 35 years!

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## Not Done Yet

Philippians 1:3-11

Jesus **STARTS** churches, v. 5, 6a

**what is the “good work” in v. 6?**

Philippians 1:5 (Acts 16:12-40; Philippians 4:15)

**partnership = *koinonia***

Acts 2:42ff; Philippians 2:1-2; the “one another” passages

“y’all...”

sometimes **CLOSES** churches, v. 6b

Revelation 2:4-5

**for being unfaithful to the Gospel**

2 Timothy 4:3; Revelation 2:12-17

**for being unfaithful to love**

Revelation 2:1-7; Matthew 22:35-40

and will **SUSTAIN** churches faithful to him. v. 9-11

**faithful to love**

Matthew 22:35-40

**faithful to the Gospel**

2 Timothy 4:3; 1 Timothy 6:20

**Philippians 1:3-11 (ESV)**

- <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all  
my remembrance of *you*,
- <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for *you all*  
making my prayer with joy,
- <sup>5</sup> because of *your* partnership in the gospel  
from the first day until now.
- <sup>6</sup> **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.**
- <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about  
*you all*, because I hold you in my  
heart, for *you are all* partakers  
with me of grace, both in my  
imprisonment and in the defense  
and confirmation of the gospel.
- <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness,  
how I yearn for *you all*  
with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- <sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that *your* love  
may abound more and more, with  
knowledge and all discernment,
- <sup>10</sup> so that *you* may approve  
what is excellent,  
and so be pure and blameless  
for the day of Christ,
- <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness  
that comes through Jesus Christ,  
to the glory and praise of God.

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Welcome to Life Groups! We're studying the fruit that the Holy Spirit grows in our lives as we stay close to Jesus.

## Getting Started

**Getting to Know You:** Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *Share where you grew up, what you dreamed to be, and what you remember from your very first Sunday at Wawasee Bible.*

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you? Discuss it with your group. Then discuss the following questions and pray for one another.

## Digging Deeper

- Every church is called to be faithful to the Gospel and faithful to love (Jesus and others). But every church is also full of people who sin, so things can get messed up in a hurry! In Romans 12 and following, the Apostle Paul begins a discussion on unity and diversity in the Church by first talking about humility (**Read Romans 12:3**). He knew we would not be able to use our strategic and unique differences to accomplish God's purpose if we didn't deal with our own pride. Author Thomas Merton observed that "pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real." What do you think Merton means? How does our personal humility or pride affect an entire local church?
- In **Romans 12:9-21**, Paul lists how we need to act if we want to get along with people inside and outside the church. He makes a list of 24 different actions and attitudes he wants us to put into practice. Using the list below... Underline any you find most challenging to put into practice. Circle any you feel like you're doing a good job of following. Make a check mark next to any you are unsure about what they would look like to practice in real life.
- Scan the list. Next to any item, jot down the initials of anyone who comes to mind that has done a good job of putting that item into action.
- If you had to pick one of the items on the list that you think is most needed in the body of Christ right now, which one would that be? How about most needed in your own life?
- Humility and pride play a big role in how much our differences create divisions in the family of God. Pride has a way of attaching itself to certain areas of our lives like our image, possessions, strengths and position. In what ways have you dealt with pride in these or other areas of your life? What has helped you deal with humility and pride? How has your view of each changed over the years?
- Looking back at "the list," is there one or two of the items on it you'd like to work on practicing more of in your life?

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| 1. Love must be sincere                        | 9. Be patient in affliction         | 17. Live in harmony with one another              |
| 2. Hate what is evil                           | 10. Be faithful in prayer           | 18. Do not be proud, associate with low positions |
| 3. Cling to what is good                       | 11. Share with God's people in need | 19. Do not be conceited                           |
| 4. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love | 12. Practice hospitality            | 20. Do not repay anyone evil for evil             |
| 5. Honor one another above yourself            | 13. Bless those who persecute you   | 21. Be careful to do what is right                |
| 6. Never be lacking in zeal                    | 14. Bless and do not curse          | 22. Live at peace with everyone                   |
| 7. Keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord | 15. Rejoice with those who rejoice  | 23. Do not take revenge                           |
| 8. Be joyful in hope                           | 16. Mourn with those who mourn      | 24. Overcome evil with good                       |

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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