



***Paul's Opening Prayer: Part 1 – Thanksgiving***  
***Philippians 1:3-8***

- I. Paul expresses **thankfulness** to God for the Philippian Church. (1:3-5)
- A. He gave thanks to God for thankful memories.
  - B. He was filled with thanksgiving and joy because of the Philippian's ongoing partnership in the Gospel.

**Do you have a thankful mindset?**

- II. Paul expresses thankful **confidence** that God will accomplish His work in their lives. (1:6-7)
- A. He believed God would finish the work He began at salvation through sanctification.
  - B. He whole-heartedly loved these Christians.

- C. He believed that God's grace is powerful to completely sanctify His children, regardless of any earthly obstacles they might face.

### Do you have a confident mindset?

### III. Paul expresses thankful **compassion** for the Philippian Church. (1:8)

- A. His compassion for them was genuine and undeniable.
- B. He loved them with an *affection* that only Christ can give and create. (Philippians 2:1)
- *Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 18:27; 20:34*
  - *Mark 1:41; 6:34; 8:2*
  - *Luke 7:13; 10:33; 15:20*

### Do you have a compassionate mindset?

#### Application

1. Are you thankful for your “partnership in the Gospel” with other Christians?
2. Are you confident in God's power to change you?
3. Are you “moved with compassion” towards your brothers & sisters in Christ?