

Philippians Series

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Philippians Gratitude and Joy Philippians 1:3–4



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nom (f) peace, calm,
health, wholeness, well-
being, salvation,
tranquility—all meanings
of the Hebrew greeting
shalom—the result of
grace applied**

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**Paul joyfully gives thanks because of their partnership in the
gospel, Php. 1:3–7.**

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What the Bible Teaches About

Thankfulness to God: Gratitude



1. When Paul thinks about them, when something reminds him of them, he thanks God for them.

Cf., Eph. 1:16, “I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:”

2. Foundational verses:

1 Thess. 5:18, “in [ἐν *en*] everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for [*huper* on behalf of] all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

2. What does Paul thank God for?

- a. That the Roman believers have a reputation for their trust in God and Christ that is a testimony throughout the Roman world.**

Rom. 1:8, “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”

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***χαρά chará*; joy, a mental attitude, a way of
thinking that is the result of the focus of
our thinking, i.e., on the character,
promises, and providence of God**

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**To care, be anxious, troubled,
to be apprehensive, have
anxiety, be anxious, be
(unduly) concerned**

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③ generally to provide security, *guard, protect, keep, defend, preserve, safeguard, shield***

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κοινωνία *koinōnía*; fellowship, partnership, applies to two or more who are in sync as one, moving toward a common objective