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Bible Study

*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
(Ps. 119:105)*



Study of Philippians, “The Epistle of Joy” [pt.3]

{Philippians 1:7-11}

- v.7) *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.*
- v.8) *For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.*
- v.9) *And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;*
- v.10) *That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;*
- v.11) *Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*

- v.7)
- *For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, since both in my imprisonment and in defense of the proclamation of the gospel, you are all partakers of grace with me.” [NASB]*
 - Paul was justified in thinking that God would complete their Christian work because of the evidences he had experienced of their true devotion to God. They were faithful in good and bad times. [Jn. 8:2; 1 Cor. 4:2]
 - “I have you in my heart...” – their faithfulness created a close bond between them.

- v.8,9)
- “I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ...” – the word “bowels” speaks of great affection.
 - Paul’s closeness to them was not just because of their gift to him, but it was also a desire to see them prosper and be blessed.
 - We must also remember to thank God for the well-being of others. This is an excellent picture of selfless love [Rom. 10:1; 1 Cor. 13:4-7]

