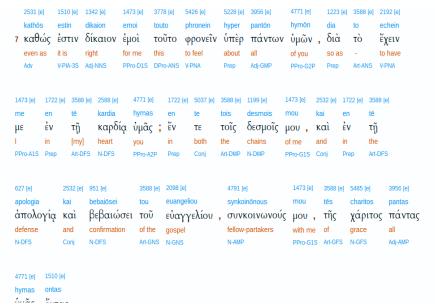
Philippians 1:7-11

Philippians 1:7



- Paul's thankful attitude that began with 1:3-6 (every time, remember, joy, confidence in God continuing work) is now said to be "right" or dikaion which express propriety.
- Paul's reason for his attitude of thankfulness included:
 - "Had them in his heart" because there was a bond between Paul and the Philippians.
 - "Their fellow-service" in his ministry and in the ministry of Christ
 - The church in Rome was divided in two views of Paul and his imprisonment:
 - Paul's imprisonment was a chance for Paul to present the Gospel at the highest level of government and Roman society
 - Paul's imprisonment was part of the problem with Paul, his ministry and his attitude.
- "Defending" and "Confirming" the gospel legal terms
 - Defending would indicate Paul had present his case and represented himself and the gospel message in court before Nero (similar to Caesarea where he presented before Felix, Festus and Agrippa II)
- "God's grace" was likely a reference to Paul's gift of apostleship.
 - The defending and confirming the gospel was a gift of God's grace
 - The Philippians supported and participated in that grace/gift

Philippians 1:8



- The connection with the Philippians as fellow-believers in Christ was a connection that Paul was also thankful for.
- This verse is stated in the form of an oath. Paul was calling on God to the stand as a witness. Again, an illustration from a courtroom setting.
- "Long" epipotho expresses very strong desire
- "Affection" splanchnois entrails, insides, guts, intestines which is where emotions were seated. But, these inner guts or emotions were Jesus Christ's emotions.
- Paul's emotional connections for the Philippians came from the Lord.
 Completely pure and motivated by the Lord's plans and purposes.

Philippians 1:9



- Paul moves from thanksgiving to a prayer
- Similar to Colossians' prayer in Col 1:9-11
- The point of the prayer is two fold with two purposes and two results:
 - That your love may abound
 - So that you may be able to discern what is best
 - Having been filled with the fruit of righteousness
 - That you may be pure and blameless
- Paul prayed for increasing love 1:9-10 and 1:10-11

Philippians 1:10



Philippians 1:11

