

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from May 5-6, 2001**

**"Paul's Prayer of Thanksgiving"**

**Philippians 1:3-8**

**Observing the text**

How does Philippians 1:7-8 fit with Philippians 1:3-6?

Examine Psalm 101:5, 103:15; Acts 14:17; Romans 1:24, 9:2; 2 Corinthians 2:4, 4:6, 9:7; Ephesians 1:18 and attempt to define what Paul means by "heart."

Why did Paul consider the Philippians "partners of grace" with him?

What was the purpose of Paul's oath in Philippians 1:8?

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### **Applying the sermon**

Write out the basic facts of the gospel.

Would Paul have been confident that the Philippians were partakers of grace with him if they were not involved in the defense and the confirmation of the gospel? Explain your answer.

If you were accused in a court of law of being involved in the defense and confirmation of the gospel would you be found guilty? Explain your answer.

What steps can you take to become more involved in the gospel of Christ?