

SERMON REFLECTIONS

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love

Philippians 1:1-11 | 13 July 2025 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. *³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ...*

- **Who are the people you remember often and thank God for?**
- **What do you pray for these people? Can you search the bible for prayers you can use for them?**
- **What gives you joy?** (Apostle Paul experienced joy while praying for the Philippian church.)

In addition, commit to remembering some people in prayer often (for accountability, let your DG know).

2. *“...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now”*

It is because the Philippian Christians were Paul’s spiritual family and also his partners in the gospel that his love overflowed for them, and he could pray with joy for them.

- **How many members (give an estimated number) of your spiritual family in BMC do you know:**
 - **by face,**
 - **by name, and**
 - **with shared spiritual experiences in BMC?**
- **How have you demonstrated love to your spiritual family?**

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- **Share about the partnership in the gospel that you have been involved with – in our church or outside BMC.**

3. *“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Biblically, the Holy Spirit will start three good works in our lives:

- a) Salvation
- b) Sanctification
- c) Sharing in the gospel ministry

- **How is the Lord working in your life thus far with regards to these three works in your life?**
- **Are there other areas where you believe the Holy Spirit has started a good work, and you are trusting Him to complete it? Perhaps your family, your work, or your ministry outside of church.**
- **Share about how you believe God is the One who started these works (what has He been doing?)**

4. *“...this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”*

“Knowledge” – “*epignosis*” means a full, personal, experiential and relational knowledge of God – knowing His character, His will, His ways and what matters in life.

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“Depth of insight” – “*aisthesis*” means moral and spiritual discernment, to perceive what is best and right, beneficial and pleasing to God.

- **How do you think you can pursue and receive “*epignosis*” and “*aisthesis*”?**
- **Where in your life do you need greater wisdom to love well — with truth, insight, and grace?**
- **What would it look like for your life to be ‘filled with the fruit of righteousness’ to the glory and praise of God?**
- **What practical steps can you take this week to bear fruit that honours Christ?**

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