

A shared grace (Philippians 1:1-11)

A rope team

What is the Christian's rope? What is it that binds us together?

v.7 "all of you share in God's grace with me"

⇒ How do we know if we're truly living together as Christ's rope team?

3 things stand out

1. An identity defined by God's grace (v.1-2)

How does Paul introduce himself?

How does he go on to speak of others?

What is Paul really doing?

How can Paul do this?

Grace

When we share in that same grace...

- i. Kills off competition and comparison amongst ourselves

- ii. Transforms how we view service

2. A partnership grounded in God's grace (v.3-8)

Koinonia - not easy to translate!

Partnership?

Fellowship?

Partnership in the gospel = warmth AND intentionality!

Getting together to get a job done

People who share the same vision, roll up their sleeves, and get involved

Examples in Philippians

What God wants the church to be

Evidence of God's good work

Our confidence

3. A prayer overflowing with God's grace (v.9-11)

Paul is praying that...

- i. Our love may abound more and more
- ii. Our love will be shaped by a deep knowledge of God
- iii. We will finish well, as those pure, blameless & filled with the fruit of righteousness