

Book:	Philippians
Series:	Rejoice in the Lord!
Lesson 2:	Christian Affection
Text:	Philippians 1:1-8
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Next Lesson:	Philippians 1:9-11

INTRODUCTION

Throughout his epistle to the Philippians, it becomes very apparent that Paul had a unique affection for the believers in the church at Philippi. Philippians 1:8 crystalizes that endearment—“For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.” Indeed, Philippians 1:1-8 exude Christian affection. *You should have “the affection of Christ Jesus” for your fellow-believers in the local church.* Do you? Ask yourself these questions:

- Do I _____ my brothers and sisters (v. 3)?
- Do I _____ God for my brothers and sisters (v. 3)?
- Do I habitually _____ for my brothers and sisters (v. 4)?
- Do I rejoice in being connected to my brothers and sisters (v. 4-5)?
- Do I maintain _____ in God’s work within my brothers and sisters (v. 6)?
- Do I emotionally care for and _____ a closeness to my brothers and sisters (v. 7-8)?

Why should we cultivate “the affection of Christ” for our brothers and sisters in our local church because they are your partners in standing, your partners in sanctification, and your partners in service.

3. *We are _____ through Christ Jesus (v. 2).*

Application:

YOU SHOULD HAVE CHRISTIAN AFFECTION FOR YOUR PARTNERS IN _____ (vv. 3-6).

1. *We should _____ in the gospel (v. 5).*
2. *God will _____ what He started (v. 6).*
3. *We should _____ with joy (vv. 3-4).*

Application:

YOU SHOULD HAVE CHRISTIAN AFFECTION FOR YOUR PARTNERS IN _____ (vv. 7-8).

1. *We serve together in _____ (v. 7).*
2. *We serve together through _____ (v. 7).*
3. *We serve together by _____ (v. 7).*

Application:

YOU SHOULD HAVE CHRISTIAN AFFECTION FOR YOUR PARTNERS IN _____ (vv. 1-2).

1. *We are _____ of Christ Jesus (v. 1).*
2. *We are _____ in Christ Jesus (v. 1).*