

"I Thank My God"

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Juliet, in William Shakespeare's famous play, utters these famous words, "Parting is such sweet _____".



I am blessed
To have tasted the _____ of God
And the _____ of God's people

How To Love Your Church

1. Remind yourself to be thankful to _____ for _____ people

Philippians 1:3 - I thank my God every time I remember you.

"My life would not be as rich
if _____ wasn't in it."

2. Rejoice in those who _____ with you

Philippians 1:4,5 - In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...

All of our activities are not just busy work. They have a purpose:

"To Introduce _____ to Jesus Christ and to help them become fully devoted _____ of him."

"My life would not be as rich
if _____ wasn't partnering with me."

3. Remember, we are all a _____ in _____

Philippians 1:6 ...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

When will we be "finished"? On the _____ of Christ Jesus

The day of Christ Jesus is the time of his coming when all your struggle with sin will be over forever. The "enemy within" your sinful nature will be purified. You will love what God loves and be what God is - pure and blameless. Every church is imperfect now but the Lord's going to bring His church to fulfillment.

*"God is not like men... men conduct experiments
but God carries out a _____"
William Hendricksen*

"My life would not be as rich if
_____ wasn't growing in his/her faith."

4. Remind yourself often about God's common _____

Philippians 1:7 - It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or de-fending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

- You and I were both _____ in our _____
- You and I both needed to be _____
- You and I both saw our need for a _____
- You and I need to be part of a _____ church
- You and I both need _____
- You and I both need _____
- You and I both desire others to come to _____

The _____

Philippians 1:8 - God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.



*"Why can't we get all the people together in the world that we really like and then just stay together? ... I hate good-byes. I know what I need. I need more _____."
Snoopy*