



The Philippian Prayer of Paul: Growth, Maturity, Fruitfulness

保羅的腓立比禱告： 成長, 成熟, 成果


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Introduction

1. The church of Philippi was founded by Paul and Silas on their 2nd missionary journey.
2. The year was AD 52.
3. It was a letter of Joy.
4. Joy is not Happiness.
5. The progress of faith involves 3 steps:
 1. Growth 成長
 2. Maturity 成熟
 3. Fruitfulness 成果


I. Growth 成長

- ▶ Philippians 1:9, “And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,” 我所禱告的，就是要你們的愛心在知識和各樣見識上多而又多



▶ John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”



神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的，不至滅亡，反得永生

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- ▶ I Corinthians 13:13, “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 如今常存的有信，有望，有愛這三樣，其中最大的是愛





▶ Hosea 4:6, “My people perish for lack of knowledge”

我的民因無知識而滅亡




► Proverbs 9:10, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” 敬畏耶和華是智慧的開端；認識至聖者便是聰明

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- ▶ Hebrews 9:27, “People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.” 按著定命，人人都有一死，死後且有審判

- ▶ I John 5:11-12, “God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”神賜給我們永生；這永生也是在他兒子裡面。12人有了神的兒子就有生命，沒有神的兒子就沒有生命

II. Maturity 成熟

- ▶ Philippians 1:10, “so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,使你們能分別是非，作誠實無過的人，直到基督的日子





► Ephesians 5:5, “No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”

無論是淫亂的，是污穢的，是有貪心的，在基督和神的國裡都是無分的

III. Fruitfulness 成果

- ▶ Philippians 1:11, “Filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.” 並靠著耶穌基督結滿了仁義的果子，叫榮耀稱讚歸與神

► Galatians 5:22, 23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.” 聖靈所結的果子，就是仁愛、喜樂、和平、忍耐、恩慈、良善、信實、23 溫柔、節制。



▶ Galatians 5:23, “Against such things there is no law.” 這樣的事沒有律法禁止

Conclusion

1. Growth 成長
2. Maturity 成熟
3. Fruitfulness 成果

- ▶ **Philippians 1:29:30**, “For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.” 因為你們蒙恩，不但得以信服基督，並要為他受苦。30 你們的爭戰，就與你們在我身上從前所看見、現在所聽見的一樣