**1 3**I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
 **4**always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,
 **5**because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
 **6**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work
 in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**7**It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because
 I hold you in my heart, for
 you are all partakers with me of grace,
 both in my imprisonment and in the defense and
 confirmation of the gospel.

**8**For God is my witness,
 how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

**9**And it is my prayer
 that your love may abound more and more,
 with knowledge and
 all discernment, **10**so that you may
 approve what is excellent, and
 so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
 **11**filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through
 Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.