Scripture reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Message: Philippians 1:1-8

I. Introduction

- A. Written by Paul
- B. One of the Prison Epistles
- C. The first church started by Paul in Macedonia
- D. This is Paul's most personal letter written to any church v.3

II. Why he is thankful for them

- A. Their gift *Philippians 4:1*
- B. They did not abandon him vv. 5,8
- C. They prayed for him v. 7

III. A good work in you v.6

- A. God has begun a good work, not you
- B. He is talking about Christians
- C. Shows the security of the believer
- D. The work will not be finished until we stand with Jesus

IV. Giving and Serving

- A. Should be done out of love
- B. You do not have to have a lot to give 2 Corinthians 8:2
- C. Give yourself to the Lord first 2 Corinthians 8:5
- D. You may not see the fruit of your labor until you stand before the Lord

V. Some lessons for us

- A. No matter our circumstances, we can still give thanks v.3
- B. Being connected to a church is a must for Christians v.5
- C. Do stop praying for each other

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