It Is Right For Me To Think This of You All

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INTRODUCTION

- And so I thought what to say on this last Sunday with you after almost eight years of laboring together in the gospel.
- I can think of no better words than what Paul said to a congregation of God's people who obviously meant a lot to him.
- I just want to borrow the words that the Holy Spirit gave Paul and to say to you what he tried to say to them.

1 I Thank You for Your Fellowship in the Gospel

Philippians 4:15

- I thank God for every remembrance of you, and I thank you for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.
- You Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving, but you only.
- I couldn't do this without your support, financial and otherwise.
- Fellowship literally means joining together or sharing together, and we've done that.
- That's the highest form of fellowship is that when we join our hearts and our minds and our souls together in adoration to our Father and to His blessed Son to His Holy Spirit.

2 The Need and Importance of Love

- We cannot overemphasize the need and the importance of love.
- There wouldn't be a Bible if it wasn't for God's love for us.
- Love is the most comfortable of all the emotions and the expressions of life.
- If there's any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love.
- You've given me love, and with it you've given me comfort.

3 Your Faith Would Remain Until the Day of Jesus Christ

- That you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ to the glory and the praise of God.
- I want your faith to continue. I want your love to abound. I want it to grow, but I want your faith and your works of righteousness to keep on.
- My prayer is yes, a prayer of thanksgiving to God for you, but it's also a prayer on behalf of you that your faith would remain until the day of Jesus Christ.
- Every day, I'll pray for you. And I'll thank God for you.

THE CHALLENGE

Can we help you in that journey of faith, that journey of love and to that wonderful fellowship this morning? Can we introduce you to our Father, to our Savior, to our Redeemer.

MY NOTES