

A pair of glasses with a blurred background. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Philippians**  
**“Partnership  
in the Gospel”**  
**Philippians 1:1-6**

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**Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my ...**

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4 In all my prayers for all of you, I  
always pray with joy 5 because of  
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from the first day until now, ...**

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**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.**

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# **Partnership**

**“Partnership”  
is the Greek word,  
“koinonia.”**

# **Partnership**

**The meaning of koinonia is  
“that which is in common.”**

**Koinonia can be translated  
various words, as no one English  
term is an exact match.**

# Translations

**KJV: “For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;”**

**NASB: “in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.”**

# **Translations**

**NRS: “because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.”**

# **Translations**

**AMP: “[I thank my God] for your fellowship—your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership—in advancing the good news (the Gospel) from the first day [you heard it] until now.”**

# **Fellowship**

**Fellowship 1. friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests. (Oxford Languages)**

# **Biblical Fellowship**

**Koinonia describes the unity of the Spirit that comes from Christians' shared beliefs, convictions, and behaviors. When those shared values are in place, genuine koinonia (biblical fellowship) occurs. This fellow-**

# **Biblical Fellowship**

**ship produces our mutual cooperation in God's worship, God's work, and God's will being done in the world.** (Understanding Biblical Christian Fellowship, WRITTEN BY GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY [HTTPS://SEMINARY.GRACE.EDU/UNDERSTANDING-BIBLICAL-CHRISTIAN-FELLOWSHIP/](https://seminary.grace.edu/understanding-biblical-christian-fellowship/))

# **Philip Melancthon.**

**Melancthon clarified the three main principles of biblical Christian fellowship: “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”**

# Partnership

**Partnership: an association of two or more people as partners. A partnership is an arrangement between two or more people to oversee business operations and share its profits and liabilities.**

(<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/p/partnership.asp>)

# **Biblical Partnership**

**Partners help, empower, and serve each other to enrich their shared ministry. We partner with Christ and with each other.**

# **Koinonia**

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# **2 Corinthians 8:1-4**

**And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in ...**

# **2 Corinthians 8:1-4**

rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

# Macedonia

