

# Philippians: Gospel Partnership Needs Supplied and Glory Given

Philippians 4:14-20 ESV [14] Yet it was kind of you to share my

FOR GOD'S GLORY AND BY GOD'S GLORY, GOD SUPPLIES THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO TRULY PARTNER IN THE GOSPEL.

How do gospel partners behave?

Show kindness – “Yet it was kind of you”

Share trouble – “share my trouble”

- **1 Corinthians 12:26 ESV** [26] If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Give and receive – “no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only”

## Giving and Receiving

- Gospel partnership requires tangible giving – “One mark that believers are truly experiencing the shared blessings of the gospel is sacrificial generosity to advance it.”

What can gospel partners expect?

Needs met – “my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory”

Glory given – “To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

### How is this possible?

- The gospel makes gospel partnership possible – “a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God”
- “in Christ Jesus”
- Calvin: “The whole gospel is included in Christ, so that if any removes one step from Christ, he withdraws himself from the Gospel.”

### Summary:

“As the Creator and Sovereign of the universe, God owns everything. Yet the fullest expression of the riches of His glory is His Son Jesus Christ. The Father is orchestrating all of human history to the climactic moment when all creation will acknowledge His glory (Phil. 2:9-11). Those who have repented of their sins and believed in Jesus have already seen that glory revealed to them through the preaching of the gospel. Thus here in Philippians 4:19 the thought is not 'Since you gave something to God he owes you.' Rather, Paul argues that as the Philippians sacrificially give for the advancement of the gospel they will experience far greater riches-God's own riches in the fullest revelation of His glory, Jesus Christ.”