Title: In it to WIN it Text: Philippians 1:1-11

Target: God is extending to you an invitation to be a part of something bigger than you, beyond you, all while seeking to bless you. This invitation is simply “WE can do more together than apart.” Being “in it” is choosing to define what we are willing to fight for, and today’s message challenges us to “FIGHT FOR UNITY”.

I. Priority of the Gospel: (1-2)
   A. Proclamation: “all the saints” (1)
   B. Presentation: “Grace to you and peace” (2)
   C. Preservation: “from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (2)

II. Partnership in the Gospel: (3-5)
   A. Making Memories: “remembrance”, “always”, “joy” (3-4)
   B. Doing Ministry: “the first day until now.” (5)
      • (In)vestment
      • (In)volvement

III. Progression of the Gospel: (6)
   A. Certainty: “I am sure of this”
   B. Commencement: “began”
   C. Completion: “at the day of Jesus Christ”

IV. Partakers in the Gospel: (7)
   A. Defending: “in the defense” (apologia-apologist)
   B. Contending: “confirmation of the gospel.” (to cause to be known as certain)

Key Verse: 1 Peter 3:15: “being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you…”

V. Pursuit of the Gospel: (9-11)
   A. Love Abounding: “love may abound” (9)
   B. Knowledge Advancing: “more and more, with knowledge” (9)
   C. Discernment Approving: “approve what is excellent” (10)
   D. Fruit Affirming: “filled with the fruit” (11)

Take Away: “I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be” - John Newton