

Sermon Scripture Passage: Philippians 1:1-11

“Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Scripture References:

Acts 16:14 – One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Three Passages that Teach Assurance of Salvation

Romans 10:9-10 – because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

I Peter 1:4-5 – to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Ephesians 1:13-14 – In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

I Peter 1:6-7 – In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Philippians #1 – Philippians 1:1-11– What God Has Begun...

Main Idea: To God belongs the work of salvation. What God has begun he will _____!

Philippians 1:1-11 Philippi was a Roman colony city in _____, in northern Greece.

1:1-2 Paul and Timothy are called _____. *Why does Paul not say here apostle?*

1:3-5 Paul remembers well how those who believed joined him as _____ in the gospel.

1:6 The key word is *epi-telesei* – which means brought to its rightful _____ point.

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and _____ of our faith,

1:7-8 Paul is writing this letter while being under _____ in Rome and awaiting trial.

1:9-11 *What is Paul specifically praying for, for the believers in Philippi?*

Acts 16 Source of Paul's _____: In Philippi God had initiated the _____ of salvation

Doctrine: Assurance of Salvation is Based on Truth that our salvation is God's _____, not ours

How do each of these passages teach the certainty of salvation for those in Christ?

Romans 10:9-10 –

I Peter 1:4-5 –

Ephesians 1:13-14 –

Three ways it may seem that the work of salvation falls short:

Self - _____ in discipleship _____ at the finish line

Do you desire Assurance of Salvation? First – _____ in Grace

Second – _____ on the Spirit Third – _____ in the testing of our Faith

Answers for the blanks:

- Finish
- Macedon
- Bondservants / slaves
- Partners
- End
- Perfecter
- Guard
- Confidence
- Work
- Work
- Deception
- Fruitlessness
- Failure
- Rest
- Rely
- Rejoice
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How do each of these passages teach the certainty of salvation for those in Christ?

Romans 10:9-10 – spoken as a future certainty – you will be saved

I Peter 1:4-5 – guarded by God's power

Ephesians 1:13-14 – sealed – guaranteed by the Holy Spirit in us