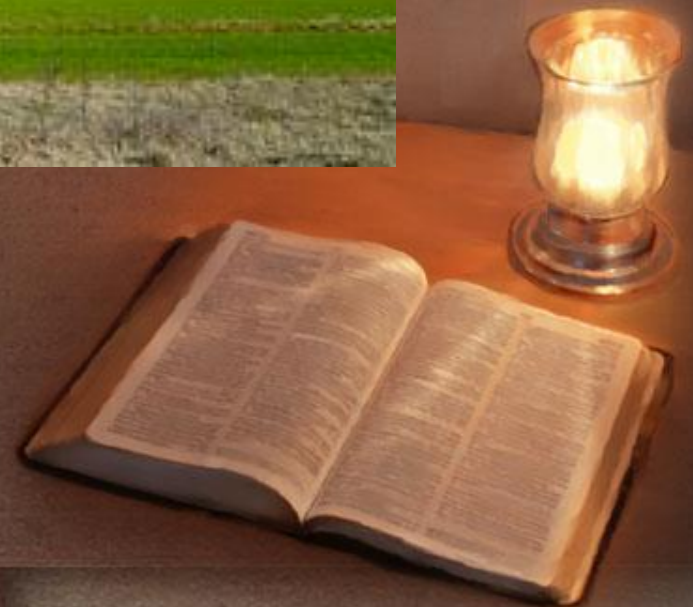


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- What objectives should control the rest of my life?
- As I look at today's times we live in, what should be the nature of the church and how can we work with God to maintain the steadfast message of the gospel?



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Main Themes of Philippians

- The need for unity within the fellowship
- The reality of Satan's attack upon the church
- The expected return of our Lord Jesus Christ

The uniting factor – Jesus Christ!



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Challenge –

- Capture some Bible verses in this study that are particularly meaningful to you and your spiritual walk.
- Think and pray about how you can share these promises with others
- Be prepared to share your verse during a future sermon



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

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

Philippians 1: 1,2 (NKJV)

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Grace is God being gracious, showing favor to helpless sinners. Our redemption through the blood of Jesus was an experience of the “riches of His grace”.

“Peace is the inner assurance and tranquility that God ministers to the hearts of believers and that keeps them spiritually confident and content even in the midst of turmoil.”

H. A. Kent, *Expositor's Bible* (page 104)



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I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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.

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.

Philippians 1: 3-7 (NKJV)



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He who began a good work in you

- “Began” – root verb means “to inaugurate”
- This is assurance – God has willed your salvation

He will bring it to completion

- God never gives up!
- This is assurance – God equips you with everything you need

At the day of Jesus Christ

- The outcome is guaranteed!
- Your salvation in Christ is as assured as the coming of that day!

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- How then shall we live?
- How should we interact with others? What should our relationship be with those around us?



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