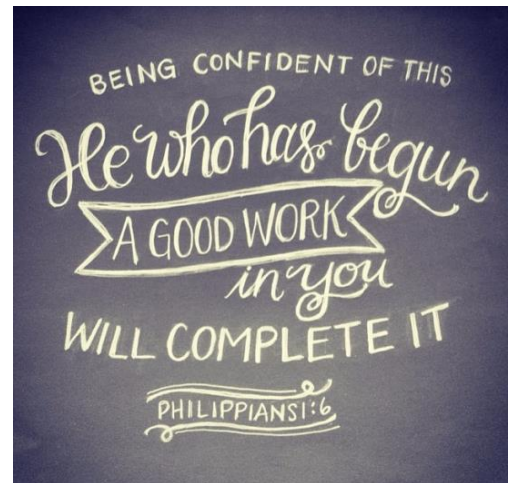
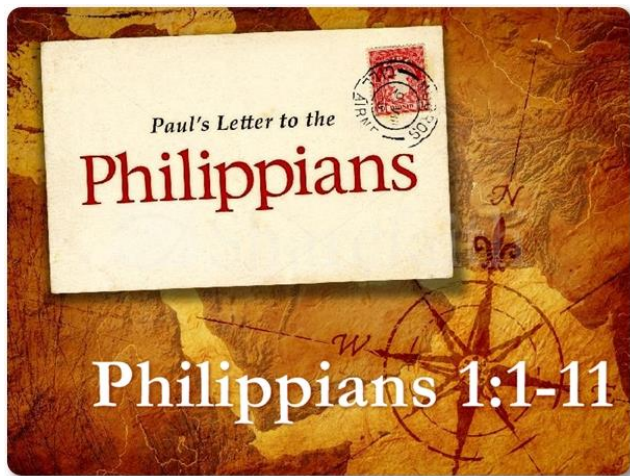




Both Paul and Timothy send greetings, as the servants of Christ to the church at Philippi, specifically addressing the leadership of the overseers and deacons. He calls the believers there “the saints in Christ”; he wants them to experience both grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul is extremely complimentary toward this church that seemed to care so much for him. He tells the Philippians that God will not cease doing His spiritual work in them. He mentions his imprisonment because of the gospel but still expresses a longing to be with them.

- **Preview** Introduction
- **Greetings** Philippians 1:1-2
- **Thankfulness** Philippians 1:3-11



TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES	APPLICATIONS
All genuine believers are “saints”.	As genuine believers we are to live “sanctified” lives – set apart for God.
Grace always precedes peace. All believers are justified by grace through Jesus Christ.	We need to apply the peace of God for daily protection from hostile attacks upon our minds and hearts.
True believers place their confidence in God who saved them and who is working out His sovereign purpose in them.	Trust God and know what He has done and is doing in your life. Trust God in the trials of your life.
We as believers are partakers of God’s grace. We are saved by grace and are experiencing sustaining grace in the midst of the trials in our lives.	God will sustain you by His grace. Put your confidence in the saving grace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. Paul wrote the epistle to whom (1:1)? _____
2. What did Paul wish for the Philippian believers (1:2)? _____
3. Who does Paul thank (1:3)? _____
4. Paul makes his prayer and request with what (1:4)? _____
5. Paul makes his prayer and request for what (1:5)? _____
6. What is Paul confident in (1:6)? _____
7. The Philippians were partakers with Paul in what (1:7)? _____
8. Paul claims that God is his witness to what (1:8)? _____
9. Paul prays the Philippian's love may abound in what (1:9)? _____
10. Paul prays the Philippians will be what till the day of Christ (1:10)? _____
11. Paul prays the Philippians will be filled with what (1:11)? _____

Study Questions

1. Read PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2 and concentrate on the terms "bondservant" and "saints".
 - ❖ What does it mean to be a "bondservant" of Christ?
 - ❖ What does it mean to be a "saint" in Christ?
 - ❖ Do modern preachers see themselves as servants? Why or why not?
 - ❖ List a few characteristics of Christ that are evident in your life.
 - ❖ List a few characteristics of Christ that you would like to see in your life.
2. Contemplate Paul's constant remembering of the Philippian believers.
 - ❖ Why do we forget what other believers have done for us?
 - ❖ How can our memories be renewed?
 - ❖ What do we have in common with fellow believers?
 - ❖ What hinders genuine fellowship among believers?
 - ❖ What do you think Paul would think of our modern church cultures?
3. Reflect on Paul's presentation of our confidence in God.
 - ❖ In what ways should we manifest confidence?
 - ❖ Do you ever feel that God has failed you or a loved one? Why?
 - ❖ How do you counter "lack of confidence in God" feelings?
 - ❖ The Scripture tells us that we can know, that we know, we are saved. Do you know that? Is your confidence in the grace of God or your performance?
 - ❖ Examine your life in light of the placement of your confidence.
 - ❖ Do you believe that all things work together for good for you?