



FRESH ENCOUNTER

## A JOURNEY OF CONFIDENCE

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*"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: 7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. 8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6-8)*

### INTRODUCTION

- a) What is God's good work?
  - New Covenant
  - \* Promised in Old Testament (Jer 31:31)
  - \* Fulfilled in New Testament (Heb 12:24)
- b) Spoken of by John the Baptist
  - Mt 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16, Jn 1:32-33
- c) Holy Spirit promised
  - Jn 7:37-39 living water
  - Acts 2:2-4 Church age begins on Day of Pentecost
- d) God's good work continues until Day of Jesus Christ - end of church age
- e) Paul wrote letter to church at Philippi
  - Acts 16:12 Arrive at Philippi - Paul & Silas
  - Acts 16:14 Lydia converted
  - Acts 16:16-18 young female slave cured
  - Acts 16:27-28 Philippian jailer

## 1. THE BELIEVER'S confidence (v. 6)

### A. The originator of the Work (v. 6a)

God's  
work of  
grace

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

### B. The operation of the Work

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13)

Jesus  
first,  
Jesus  
last

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;" beginner & finisher of faith  
(Hebrews 12:2)

SALVATION - I am saved

SANCTIFICATION - I am now being saved

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

**Quote:** "Salvation in Three Tenses: Past, from sin's penalty, immediate, secured by Christ's death. Present, from sin's power, continuous by Christ's life. Future, from sin's presence, prospective at Christ's coming."—**Author Unknown**

### C. The outcome of the Work

Present  
tense  
sealed  
with Holy  
Spirit

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Holy  
Spirit  
is down  
payment  
on future  
redempti

## 2. THE BELIEVER'S Comfort (v. 7)

### A. Comfort in the heart (v. 7a)

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." (1 John 3:14)

- shared Christian purpose & fellowship

B. Comfort in the ministry (v. 7b)

IN HIS IMPRISONMENT

gospel  
still  
spreads  
even in  
prison

"But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; 13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;" (Philippians 1:12-13)

"Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction." (Philippians 4:14)

offering  
sent to  
Paul in  
Rome

"But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God." (Philippians 4:18)

IN DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL

"But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel." (Philippians 1:17)

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" (Hebrews 2:3-4)

gifts  
of Holy  
Spirit  
grace  
gifts

C. Comfort in the Holy Spirit (v. 7c)  
- Spirit binds together all Christians

3. THE BELIEVER'S Compassion (v. 8)

A. The witness of His Compassion (v. 8a)

"For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:" (1 Thessalonians 2:5)

moral  
leader  
with  
integrity

B. The fergency of His Compassion (v. 8b)

"Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all." (Philippians 2:17)

Paul's  
great  
love

- Paul saw himself as a sacrifice for the gospel & God's work
  - \* (Rom 12:1, Philp 4:18, Heb 13:15)
  - Christian sacrifices
  - \* Rom 15:16 Paul offers up souls of Christian converts to God