

GOD'S GREAT WORK IN US

(Reading Philippians 1:1-11)

* The letter to the Philippians, _____ with grace (1:2)

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

* The letter to the Philippians, _____ with grace (4:23),

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."

There are seven reasons why it should make a special appeal to us tonight:

A. It is different from _____ of Paul's letters.

B. It is easier to understand than _____ of Paul's letters.

C. It is a letter written from _____.

D. The _____ note of the letter is JOY.

Philippians is often known as the "Epistle of Joy" because of Paul's attitude in prison.

The key word is "rejoice"

The word rejoice occurs in varying forms no less than _____ times.

E. It is a letter written to the _____ Church in Europe.

F. It deals with _____ Christian living.

Don't tell me what you know Show me as you go

G. It gives great _____ to the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is mentioned _____ by name or by pronoun.

Key verse Philippians 1:6

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Lets consider this statement in relation:

1. GOD'S WORK IN THE CHURCH AT _____ in AD62

Who began the Church at Philippi - and how?

In Acts 16:6-34 the story is told for us.

A. By _____ the hearts of some praying women. Acts 16:13.

13 "On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer.

We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there."

B. By _____ the footsteps of His servants.

Acts 16:6-7

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to."

C. By _____ His servants a vision.

Acts 16:8-9

8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision

of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him,
"Come over to Macedonia and help us."

D. By _____ His servants obedient.

Acts 16:10 10 "After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

E. By the _____ of the Gospel.

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F. By _____ miracles of conversion.

Three special cases are mentioned:

* Lydia and her household (verses 14-15);

* the demon-possessed girl (verses 16-18);

* the Jailer and his household (verses 25-34).

G. By _____ in persecution.

Philippians 1:12

"Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel."

2. GOD'S WORK IN THE _____ IN 2023

Matthew 16:13-18

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

18 "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

3. GOD'S WORK IN THE _____ CHRISTIAN

A. God _____ His work in you

A Christian is a person who is
convicted (John 16:8) born again (John 3:3) redeemed (Ephesians 1:7)
justified (Romans 5:1) sealed (Ephesians 4:30)

B. He will _____ His work in you.

John 10:27-29 27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."

C. He will _____ His work in you.

He "will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ",

Philippians 2:13 "for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."