

# Sermon NOTES



## Grace and Peace to You

### A. GRACE and PEACE TO YOU

Philippians 1:2<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the source of our Christian life and \_\_\_\_\_ is its' promised outcome.

### B. A WORK IN PROGRESS

Philippians 1:6,12<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the Gospel.

Paul trusts in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### C. COMPLETE JOY

Philippians 2:1-2<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ has a purpose.

It means that their \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are directed by the same thing—Christ's loving sacrifice for others.

### D. GOD AT WORK IN US

Philippians 2:12-13<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends . . .continue to work out

your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

Working under one's own \_\_\_\_\_ always leads to \_\_\_\_\_ eventually.

#### E. I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST

Philippians 3: 10, 12 <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like Him in His death. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Psalms 9:10 “Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.”

#### F. PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING

Philippians 4: 4-7 <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends [surpasses] all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ depends on what happens, \_\_\_\_\_ does not.

Joy comes from the belief that even in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances, God is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Our challenge to \_\_\_\_\_ our requests to God is not because He doesn't know what we need but to \_\_\_\_\_ our total dependence on God.

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”

The peace of God stands guard over the two areas that create worry—the heart with false or wrong \_\_\_\_\_ and the mind with

wrong or sinful \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 10:5 “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

“Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. . . . But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. . . . Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” 2 Corinthians 4:1,7-10,16

## G.THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT

Philippians 4: 12-13, 19 <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through him who gives me strength. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things as all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9: 8

God gives us

- the \_\_\_\_\_ we need in the moment of our darkest moments (Philippians 4:13)
- friends and family to \_\_\_\_\_ us when we need to be supported like Moses leading the people (Exodus 17:12-13)
- and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when we are walking through the valley of the shadow of death. (Psalm 23)