

The Joyful Journey
PART 3
Grace Expectations

Philippians 1:1-11

The Joy of Christian Friendship (1:1-11):

- Two Weeks Ago - *Gospel Affections*
- Today - *Grace Expectations*
- Next Sunday - *A Glorious Salvation: The Unity of Justification & Sanctification in the Gift of Christ*

Two Weeks Ago - Affectionate, Nourishing Relationships flourish when folks share:

1. Gospel Passion.
2. Rich Memories.
3. Eager Generosity

Hopeful, Effective Fellowship is rooted in a Sure Confidence that:

The Good News of God's Grace in Christ...

1. **Saves** Us. vv. 3-5

- The Breadth of God's Grace & Philippian Memories
- The Unstoppable Purpose of God's Grace

2. **Secures** Us. vv. 6

- A. The Guarantee of the Sovereignty of God v. 6
- B. The Guarantee of the Love of Christ v. 8
- C. The Guarantee of the Glory of God v. 11

3. **Shapes** Us. vv. 9-11

The Lord Changes us through:

- A. Growing Love v. 9
- B. Teaching Truth v. 9
- C. Enlarging Desires v. 10

The Lord Changes us as a Gift of Grace through the Work of Christ - Next Sunday

We will explore the Life-changing implications of a clear understanding of verse 11.

Philippians 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

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

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; 7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

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