

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Be Confident

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:1-11

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Philippians 1:1-11. What circumstances was Paul facing when he wrote this letter? Why is the tone of this letter so surprising given these circumstances?

See verses 1-2. How does Paul identify the recipients of his letter? What does this tell us about our identity as Christians?

See verses 3-5. What was Paul's attitude toward the church in Philippi?

See verses 6-7. Why was Paul so confident that the Philippian believers would persevere in their faith until the very end? Why was he so hopeful for their future?

See verses 8-11. Why is it so important that love be paired with knowledge and discernment? What happens when it is not?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

When you think about your own identity – that is, your sense of who you are and why you matter – what do you tend to think of first? Where is your sense of identity grounded?

What is your general attitude toward other Christians, and particularly those in your church? How does your attitude compare with Paul's attitude toward the Philippian believers?

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APPLY THE TRUTH

How is it possible to face difficult circumstances with joy and confidence? How might we need to adjust our attitudes and our outlook in order to joyfully face trials, just like Paul did?

How might knowing our identity as saints and the promise of a bright future in eternity help us in the present, especially when we are facing challenges in the moment?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What might it look like for us to partner together in the Gospel this week? How might we joyfully strive alongside one another in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel?