

He Will Perform It

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Introduction

These verses comprise Paul's introduction to the letter to the church at Philippi. In it, he shares a confidence that the church will successfully complete its mission.

I. Notice that Paul is addressing a body of believers

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timotheous, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

- A. Letter addressed to:
 - 1. All the saints
 - 2. Bishops
 - 3. Deacons
- B. The promises are for the body collectively

II. Paul's confidence that God will enable them to complete their mission

Philippians 1:6 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.

- A. Not a promise of divine ability C. "You" is plural
- B. A statement of divine purpose

III. Paul's prayer for the means of accomplishing the mission

Philippians 1:9-11 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory of God.

- A. Abounding love--Agape type
 - 1. In knowledge--greater depth of acquaintance

- 2. In all Judgement--more comprehensive discernment
- B. Approve things that are excellent--sense what is vital
- C. Sincere and without offence--
 - 1. Sincere--certain and unsullied (Unsoiled or untarnished)
 - 2. Without offence--not stumbling or causing others to stumble
- D. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness