

-Philippians 3:7-15

-Beginning With the End in Mind

-Philippians 1:6 (LSB) For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 1:9-10 (LSB) 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in full knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and without fault until the day of Christ,

-Philippians 1:21-24 (LSB) 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know what I will choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better, 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

**-Philippians 2:16 (LSB) holding fast
the word of life, so that in the day
of Christ I will have reason to boast
because I did not run in vain nor
labor in vain.**

**-Philippians 4:4-6 (LSB) 4 Rejoice
in the Lord always; again I will say,
rejoice! 5 Let your considerate
spirit be known to all men. The
Lord is near.**

-Philippians 1:7 (LSB) For it is only right for me to think this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are fellow partakers with me in this grace.

-Philippians 1:6 (LSB) For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 2:1-2 (LSB) 1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 fulfill my joy, that you think the same way, by maintaining the same love, being united in spirit, thinking on one purpose,

-Philippians 2:5-11 (LSB) 5 Have this way of thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

**-Philippians 4:2 (LSB) I urge Euodia
and I urge Syntyche to think the
same way in the Lord.**

-Hebrews 12:1-2 (LSB) 1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**-Acts 24:26 (LSB) At the same time,
he was also hoping that money
would be given him by Paul;
therefore he also used to summon
for him quite often and converse
with him.**

-Acts 22:17-21 (LSB) 17 “Now it happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance, 18 and I saw Him saying to me, ‘Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your witness about Me.’ 19 “And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another I used to imprison and beat those who believed in You. 20 ‘And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and guarding the garments of those who were slaying him.’ 21 “And He said to me, ‘Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

-Ephesians 2:4-7 (LSB) 4 But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

-Matthew 16:24 (LSB) Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

**-Philippians 1:29 (LSB) For to you *it*
has been granted for Christ's sake,
not only to believe in Him, but also
*to suffer for His sake,***

-Matthew 5:11-12 (LSB) 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

-John 10:28 “I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish--ever; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”

**-Let us begin this year with our end
in mind.**