

The Joy of Assurance

Philippians 1:3-6

Introduction:

Ascott estates story, from Fathers perspective

I. The Joy of Remembrance

A. A thankful heart revealed v.3,5

1. For partnership v5

a) fellowship Now it is true that the word koinonia, partnership, fellowship, communion, is used in the New Testament sometimes to refer to monetary contribution, giving money. It has that very explicit meaning in several New Testament passages. In fact, it says in [Romans 12:13](#), contributing to the necessity of the saints, and there uses the word koinonia, partnership. It is a contribution very often. It is an expression of commonness, of partnership, of love when you give money to support. In [Romans 15:26](#) the contribution to the poor saints in Jerusalem is the word partnership. In 2 Corinthians chapter 8 verse 4, chapter 9 verse 13, [1 Timothy 6:18](#), [Hebrews 13:16](#), the word koinonia is used of a monetary contribution. That's a kind of partnership. For Persistence v5

b) They persevered first day until now

(1) same as 1 Thess 1:2-10

(2) same as 2 Thess 1:3-5

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B. A Prayerful Heart revealed

1. *I Thess 5:14-18* Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. ¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹

2. *Ephesians 6:18* praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ²

II. The Joy of Reassurance

A. The Confidence Stated

1. Look, I am confident. The verb pepoithame means to be persuaded, to be sure, to be absolutely convinced

2. The Completion Asserted

a) The Beginning

(1) The verb "began" is interesting, it's only used two times in the New Testament, enarchomai, it's a rare word. It's used here and [Galatians 3:3](#), in both cases it has reference to salvation.

(a) **Acts 16:14 (NASB95)**

¹ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (1 Th 5:14–18). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Eph 6:18). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

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14 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

Faith

Philippians 1:29

For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, ³

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Acts 3:16

And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. ⁴

Repentance

2 Tim 2:25

in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ⁵

Acts 11:18

When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life." ⁶

³ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Php 1:29). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁴ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ac 3:16). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁵ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (2 Ti 2:25). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁶ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ac 11:18). Nashville: Thomas.

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Confession of Jesus as Lord

I Cor 12:3

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. ⁷

Birth

James 1:18

Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ⁸

John 3:3-9

John 1:12-13

The Completion

epiteleo, really perfect it, it's a compound, completed, bring it to its full conclusion. Hang on to this...bring it to its complete end.

F.B. Myer years ago wrote, "We go into the artist's studio and find there unfinished pictures covering large canvas and suggesting great designs but which have been left either because the genius was not competent to complete the work or because paralysis laid the hand low in death. But as we go into God's great workshop we find nothing that bears the mark of haste or insufficiency of power to finish and we are sure that the work which His grace has begun, the arm of His strength, will complete."

⁷ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (1 Co 12:3). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁸ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Jas 1:18). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

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Romans 5:6-11

Romans 8:1 28-39

I Peter 1:3-5

John 6:37-40

John 10:27-30

Rev.3:5

Rev. 17:8

We are divinely preserved, isn't that wonderful? That is so exciting...we are divinely preserved. [Psalm 89:33](#) says we are under a divine faithfulness that will never be removed. [John 3:16](#) says we have an eternal life that will never end and we will never perish. [John 4:14](#) says we drink from a spring of water that will forever bubble up. [John 6:37](#) and [39](#) says we have taken a gift that can't be lost. [John 10:28](#) says we are in the hand of the Good Shepherd out of which hand we can never be snatched. [Romans 8:29](#) and [30](#) says we are bound by a chain that cannot be broken. [Romans 8:39](#), we are loved with a love from which we can never be separated. [Romans 11:29](#), we are the recipients of a calling which can never be revoked. [Second Timothy 2:19](#), we are built on a foundation which can never be destroyed. [First Peter 1:4](#) and [5](#), we have an inheritance that can never fade. That's confidence.