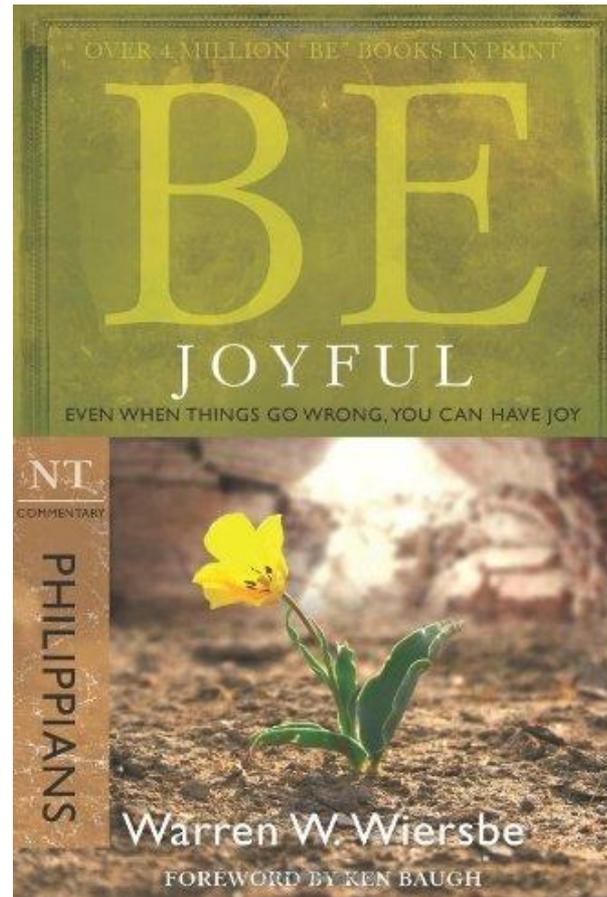


The Book of Philippians



The Importance of Joy

- God displays his love for us by seeking to glorify the one thing that will bring us true **joy** and fulfillment – **himself**.
 - *“And this is eternal life, that they **know you** the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” John 17:3*
- God’s glory is most fully manifested in the person of Christ.”
 - *For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the **knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.” 2 Corinthians 6:4,6*
- We are able to experience true **joy** when we come to see and experience the glory of Christ in **all things**.
 - *“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, **to see my glory** that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” John 17:24*
- We can only glorify God when our **joy** is centered in him.
 - *I will go to the altar of God, to God **my exceeding joy**.” Psalm 43:4*

The Importance of Joy in Christ

- Joy in Christ is foundational to our salvation
 - *“So he hurried and came down and received him **joyfully**.” Luke 19:6*
- Joy in Christ is foundational to the Kingdom of God
 - *“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17*
- Joy in Christ is foundational to our hope
 - *“May the God of hope fill you with all **joy** and **peace** in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13*
- Joy in Christ is foundational to victory in suffering
 - *“**Rejoice** insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also **rejoice** and **be glad** when his glory is revealed” 1 Peter 4:12*



The Importance of Joy in Christ

- “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with **joyfulness and gladness of heart**, because of the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.” Deuteronomy 28:47
- Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” Jeremiah 2:12-13



C. S. Lewis

- “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

Four Thieves That Can Rob Your Joy

- **Circumstances (Philippians 1)**
 - To live is to suffer.
 - Suffering leads to Christ.
- **People (Philippians 2)**
 - To love is to suffer.
 - Suffering leads to service.
- **Things (Philippians 3)**
 - To lose is to suffer.
 - Suffering leads to freedom.
- **Thoughts (Philippians 4)**
 - To listen is to suffer.
 - Suffering leads to peace.

Paul's Prescription for Joy

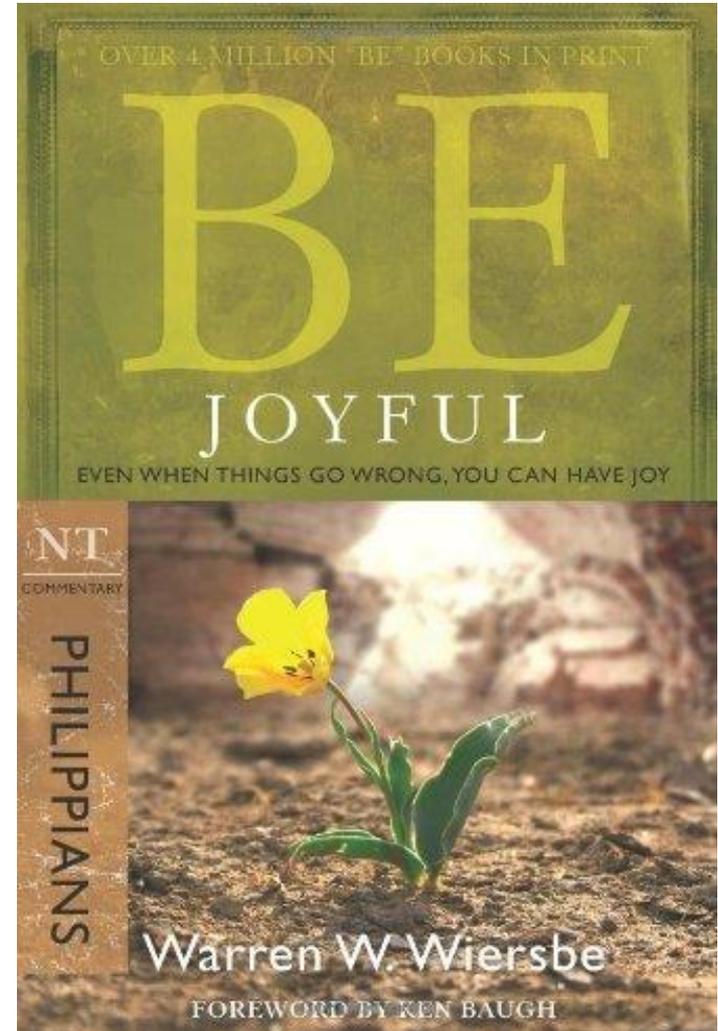
- “Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being” (Philippians 2:1-2):
 - like-minded
 - A Single Mind
 - having the same love
 - A Submissive Mind
 - being one in spirit
 - A Spiritual Mind
 - and of one mind
 - A Secure Mind

Four Attitudes to Guard Your Joy

- **“Have this mind among yourselves which is yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5)**
- **A single mind** will free us from bondage to our circumstances.
- **A submissive mind** will free us from bondage to other people.
- **A spiritual mind** will free us from bondage to earthly things.
- **A secure mind** will free us from bondage to our thoughts.

Strategies for Studying Philippians

- Research the Book
 - Author: Paul
 - Date: 61 AD
 - Location: Rome
 - Status: House arrest
 - Acts 28:14-31
- Read the Book
 - Content:
 - 1,629 words
 - 4 chapters
 - One theme: Joy
- Outline the Book
- Study the Book
 - Mine each passage
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Integration
 - Apply each passage



Philippians I: The Single Mind

- I. The Fellowship of the Gospel (1:1-11) Saints – a fellowship to rely on**
 - A. I Have You in My Mind (1:3-6)
 - B. I Have You in My Heart (1:7-8)
 - C. I Have You in My Prayers (1:9-11)

- II. The Furtherance of the Gospel (1:12-26) Servants – a perspective to maintain**
 - A. Paul's Chains (1:12-14) [Limitations]
 - B. Paul's Critics (1:15-19) [Opposition]
 - C. Paul's Crisis (1:20-26) [Desperation]

- III. The Faith of the Gospel (1:27-30) Soldiers – a battle to wage**
 - A. Be Consistent (1:27a)
 - B. Be Cooperative (1:27b)
 - C. Be Courageous (1:28a)
 - D. Be Committed (27c)
 - E. Be Confident (1:28b)
 - F. Be Consecrated (1:29-30)



The Essence of the Gospel

- “For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts **to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.**” 2 Corinthians 4:5-6
- Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **we rejoice** in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but **we rejoice** in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.’ Romans 5:1-5

Philippians II: The Submissive Mind

I. The Pattern of submission (2:1-5)

II. The Example of Christ (2:1-11)

- A. His Status (2:6a)
- B. His Submission (2:6b)
- C. His Service of Others (2:7)
- D. His Sacrifice for Others (2:8)
- E. His Showing of God's Glory (2:9-11)

II. The Example of Paul (2:12-18)

- A. There is a Purpose to Achieve (2:12, 14-16) [Through obedience]
- B. There is a Power to Receive (2:13) [Through the Holy Spirit]
- C. There is a Promise to Believe (2:16b-18) [Through faith]

III. The Example of Timothy (2:19-24)

- A. He had a servant's mind (2:19-21)
- B. He had a servant's training (2:22)
- C. He had a servant's reward (2:23)

IV. The Example of Epaphroditus (2:25-30)

- A. He was a balanced Christian (2:25)
- B. He was a burdened Christian (2:26-27,30)
- C. He was a blessed Christian (2:28-29)

Philippians III: The Spiritual Mind

I. Paul's Past (The Accountant) I Count (New Values) (3:1-11)

- A. Righteousness by Works (The exhortation 3:1-3)
- B. Righteousness by Works (The example 3:4-6)
- C. Righteousness by Faith (Paul's Losses 3:7)
- D. Righteousness by Faith (Paul's Gains 3:8-11)

II. Paul's Present (The Athlete) I Press (New Goals) (3:12-16)

- A. Paul's Dissatisfaction (3:12-13a)
- B. Paul's Devotion (3:13b)
- C. Paul's Direction (3:13c)
- D. Paul's Determination (3:14)
- E. Paul's Discipline (3:14-15)

III. Paul's Future (The Alien) I Look (New Focus) (3:17-21)

- A. The Present World (3:17) Good examples
- B. The Past World (3:18-19) Bad examples
- C. The Future World (3:20-21) Heavenly examples

Philippians IV: The Secure Mind

I. How to Experience God's Peace (4:1-9)

- A. Maintain Right Relationships (4:1-3)
- B. Have a Right Attitude (4:4)
- C. Have a Right Spirit (4:5)
- D. Pursue Right Praying (4:6-7)

II. How to Experience God's Presence (4:8-9)

- A. Pursue Right Thinking (4:8)
- B. Pursue Right Living (4:9)

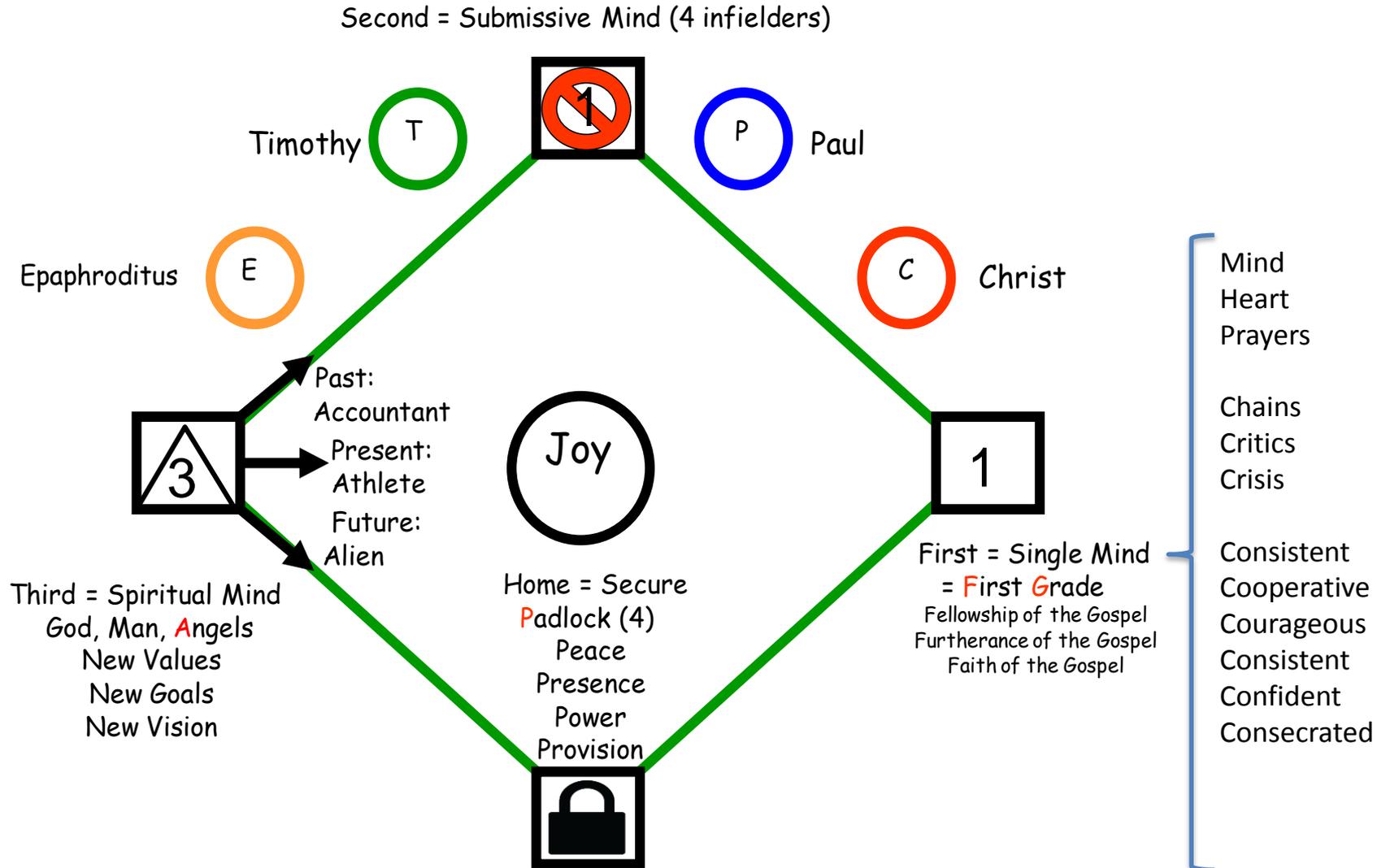
III. How to Experience God's Power (4:10-13)

- A. The Unfailing Providence of God (4:10)
- B. The Sanctifying Purpose of God (4:11-12)
- C. The Enabling Power of God (4: 13)

IV. How to Experience God's Provision (4:14-23)

- A. Through the Investment of the Church (4:14-17)
- B. Through the Sacrifice of the Church (4:18)
- C. Through the Riches of Christ (4:19)

Memory Device



Mine the Passage

- Code the passage
- Classify the passage
- Deconstruct the passage
- Interrogate the passage
- Meditate on the passage
- Apply the passage
- Reinforce the passage





Thomas Watson

- *“Would it not be an encouragement to a subject, to hear his prince say to him, You will honor and please me very much, if you will go to yonder mine of gold, and dig as much gold for yourself as you can carry away? So, for God to say, go to the Scripture, get as much grace as you can, dig out as much sanctification as you can, and the more joy that you have, the more I shall count myself glorified.” Thomas Watson 1692*

Code the Passage

A. I Have You in My Mind (1:3-6)

P [3I thank my God in all my remembrance of you 4always in every prayer of mine for you

J all, making my prayer] [with joy,] [5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the R

C first day until now]. [6 And I am sure of this] [that he who began a good work in you will P

P bring it to completion] [at the day of Christ Jesus]. 2

Classify the Passage

A. I Have You in My Mind (1:3-6)

3I thank my God in all my remembrance of you 4always in every prayer of mine for you
all, making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your <partnership in the gospel> from the
first day until now. 6 [And I am sure of this] {(that he who began a good work in you will
bring it to completion)} {at the day of Christ Jesus}.

Imperative/Command [1]

Key Phrase <1>

Key Theological Verse {1}, {2}

Key Verse KV#

Indicative/Promise (1)

Deconstruct the Passage

- “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for all of you making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:3-5

Deconstruct the Passage

I thank **my** God [who]

in **all** my remembrance of you [when]

always in **every** prayer of mine for all of you [when]

making my prayer with **joy** [how]

because of your **partnership** [why]

in the gospel [what]

from the first day until now [when]

Deconstruct the Passage

⁶ And I am **sure** of this [what]

that he [who]

who **began** a **good work** in you [what]

will bring it to **completion** [what]

at the day of Christ Jesus [when]

Resources

- Bible Gateway:
 - <https://www.biblegateway.com/>
- Preaching with Bold Assurance
 - Chapter 4: Approaching the text
- Bible Arc:
 - <https://www.biblearc.com/>
 - Philippians 1:1-8
 - https://www.biblearc.com/author/Lenny_Sikkink/Greetings_and_Prayer/
 - Philippians 2:1-11
 - https://www.biblearc.com/author/Lenny_Sikkink/Example_of_Humility_through_Christ/

Interrogate the Passage

A. I Have You in My Mind (1:3-6)

3 I thank my God

Who do you remember in your prayers?

in all my remembrance of you

What does it mean to pray with joy?
Do you always pray with joy?

4 always in every prayer of mine for you all

Who are you partners with?
How have they impacted your life?

making my prayer with joy,

5 because of your partnership in the gospel

Reason

from the first day until now.

6 And I am sure of this

What was Paul confident of?
Why do you think Paul was confident?
What are you confident of?

that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion

at the day of Christ Jesus

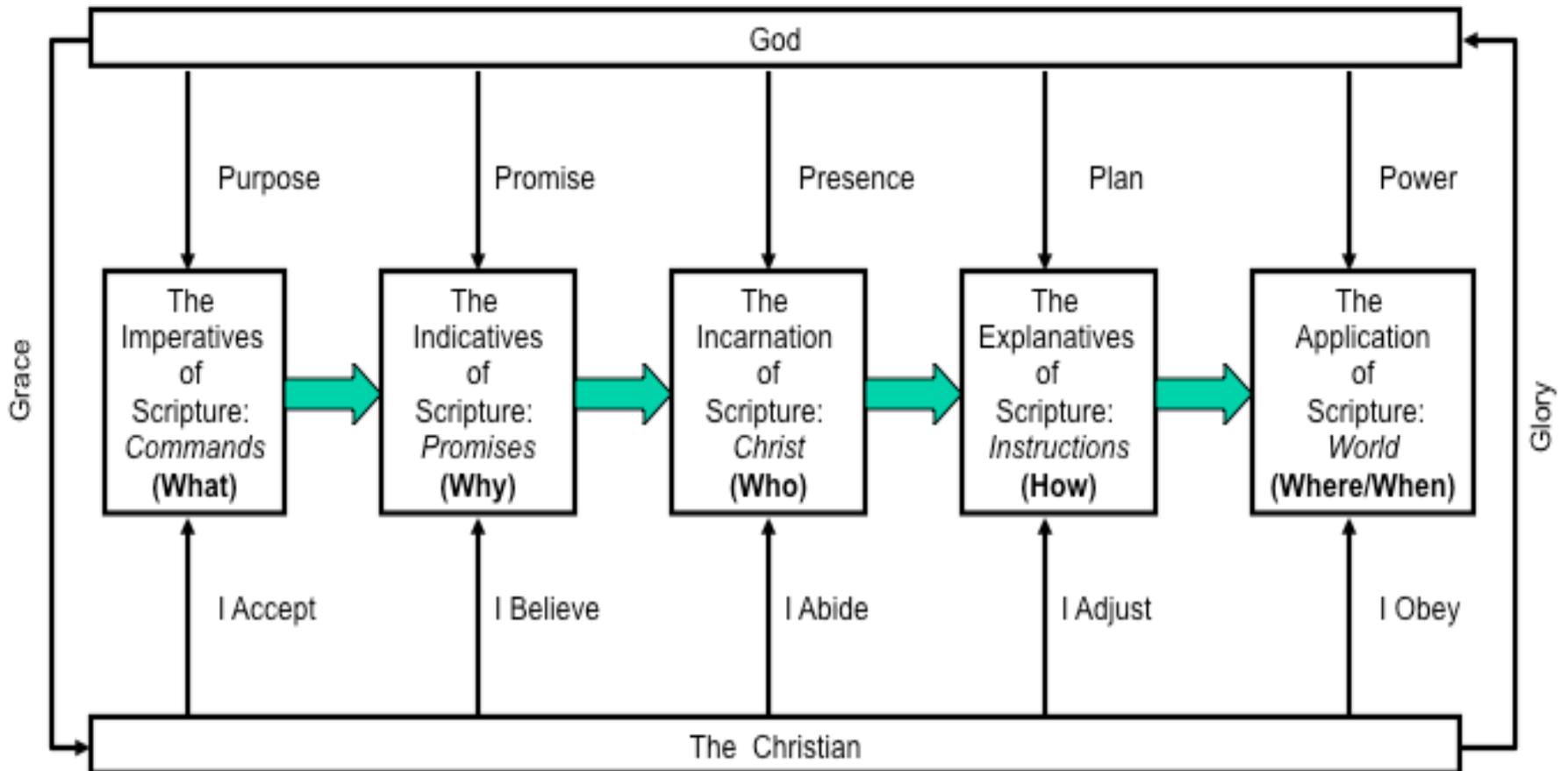
What does this imply?

Why can we be confident of our salvation?

Meditate on the Passage

- “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; **meditate** on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8
- “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you **abide in my word**, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32
- “If you abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” John 15:17
- “Let the word of Christ **dwell in you richly**”
Colossians 3:16

Apply the Passage



Apply the Passage

What	[1] Be confident of the future (salvation). Philippians 1:6
Why	<i>He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus Philippians 1:6</i>
Who	I can be confident, because the Father has predestined my salvation, Christ has procured my salvation, and the Holy Spirit preserves my salvation. Romans 8:29-39
How	<u><i>In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 1:11</i></u> <u><i>Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1</i></u> <u><i>So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:35</i></u>
Appl.	I will thank God every day for my salvation.

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Reinforce the Passage

- “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, **teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:15-16



Jonathan Edwards

“Be endeavoring by all possible ways to inflame their desires and to obtain more spiritual pleasures....Our hungerings and thirstings after God and Jesus Christ and after holiness can’t be too great for the value of these things, for they are things of infinite value...[Therefore] endeavor to promote spiritual appetites by laying yourself in the way of allurements....There is no such thing as excess in our taking this spiritual food. There is no such virtue as temperance in spiritual feasting.” Jonathan Edwards

Reinforce the Passage

Unit 1.1 The Fellowship of the Gospel

Devotions

- 1.1.1 The Story of Ernest Gordon by Philip Yancey (Rumors)
- 1.1.2 The Role of the Church in the Life of the Christian by Rick Warren (The Purpose Driven Life)
- 1.1.3 The Pursuit of Joy through the Fellowship of the Saints by John Piper (When I Don't Desire God)
- 1.1.4 A Picture of Forgiveness from Lord of the Rings by Sarah Arthur (Walking with Frodo)
- 1.1.5 From *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoffer
- 1.1.6 The Way of the Heart by Henri Nouwen

Music

- 1.1.1 For the Sake of the Call (Stephen Curtis Chapman)
- 1.1.2 When God's People Pray (Wayne Watson)
- 1.1.3 For the Glory of Your Name (Michelle Tumes)
- 1.1.4 How Beautiful (Twila Paris)
- 1.1.5 Heaven in the Real World (Steven Curtis Chapman)
- 1.1.6 Image of (Michelle Tumes)

Movies

- 1.1.1 Hoosiers (PG)
- 1.1.2 Remember the Titans (PG)
- 1.1.3 The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13)

God

- F God the Father
- S God the Son
- H God the Holy Spirit
- G God's Glory
- P God's Plan

- P God's Power
- W God's Word
- W God's Work
- △ Trinity
- △₂ Divinity of Christ

God's Works

- A Angels
- I Israel
- C Church
- H Heaven
- C Covenants

- 1 Incarnation
- ① Resurrection
- 2 Second Coming
- P Prophecy
- K Kingdom of Heaven

The Natural Attributes of God

-  God is Transcendent (Acts 17:24)
-  God is Immanent (Acts 17:27)
-  God is Omnipotent (Job 42:2)
-  God is Omniscient (Psalm 139:4)
-  God is Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-10)
-  God is Infinite (Revelation 1:8)
-  God is Eternal (Psalm 90:2)
-  God is Self Existent (Exodus 3:14)
-  God is Self Sufficient (Psalm 50:9-12)
-  God is Immutable (Malachi 3:6)
-  God is Sovereign (Psalm 115:3)
-  God is Wise (Isaiah 55:9)

The Moral Attributes of God

- God is Holy (Leviticus 19:2)
- ⦿ God is Righteous (Psalm 119:137)
- ⦿ God is Jealous (Exodus 34:14)
- ⦿ God is Wrathful (Nahum 1:2)
- ⦿ God is Just (Isaiah 30:18)
- ⦿ God is True (John 17:17)
- ♡ God is Good (Psalm 107:1)
- ♡ God is Love (I John 4:8)
- ♡ God is Merciful (Psalm 86:5)
- ⦿ God is Longsuffering (2 Peter 3:9)
- ⦿ God is Forgiving (Isaiah 43:35)
- ⦿ God is Faithful (I Corinthians 1:9)

The Works of the Spirit

- F Faith
- G Guidance
- H Hope
- J Joy
- K Kindness
- L The Law
- L Love
- P Patience
- P Peace
- P Prayer
- P Praise
- T Thankfulness
- T Truth

- F Calling
- F Faith
- G Grace
- P Preservation
- R Regeneration
- S Sealing

Salvation

A Adoption

A Atonement

D Depravity

E Election

F Forgiveness

G Glorification

G Gospel

C Cross

I Identity

I Imputation

J Judgment

J Justification

P Perseverance

P Predestination

P Propitiation

R Reconciliation

R Redemption

R Repentance

R Revelation

S Sanctification

S Sin

S Substitution

Sanctification

- C Commands
- E Examples to follow
- E Examples to avoid
- F Freedom
- L Legalism
- L License
- M The Mind
- N The New Nature
- O The Old Nature
- P Promises
- R Relationships
- R Righteousness
- S Suffering
- W Good Works
- W Spiritual Warfare
- W Worship