

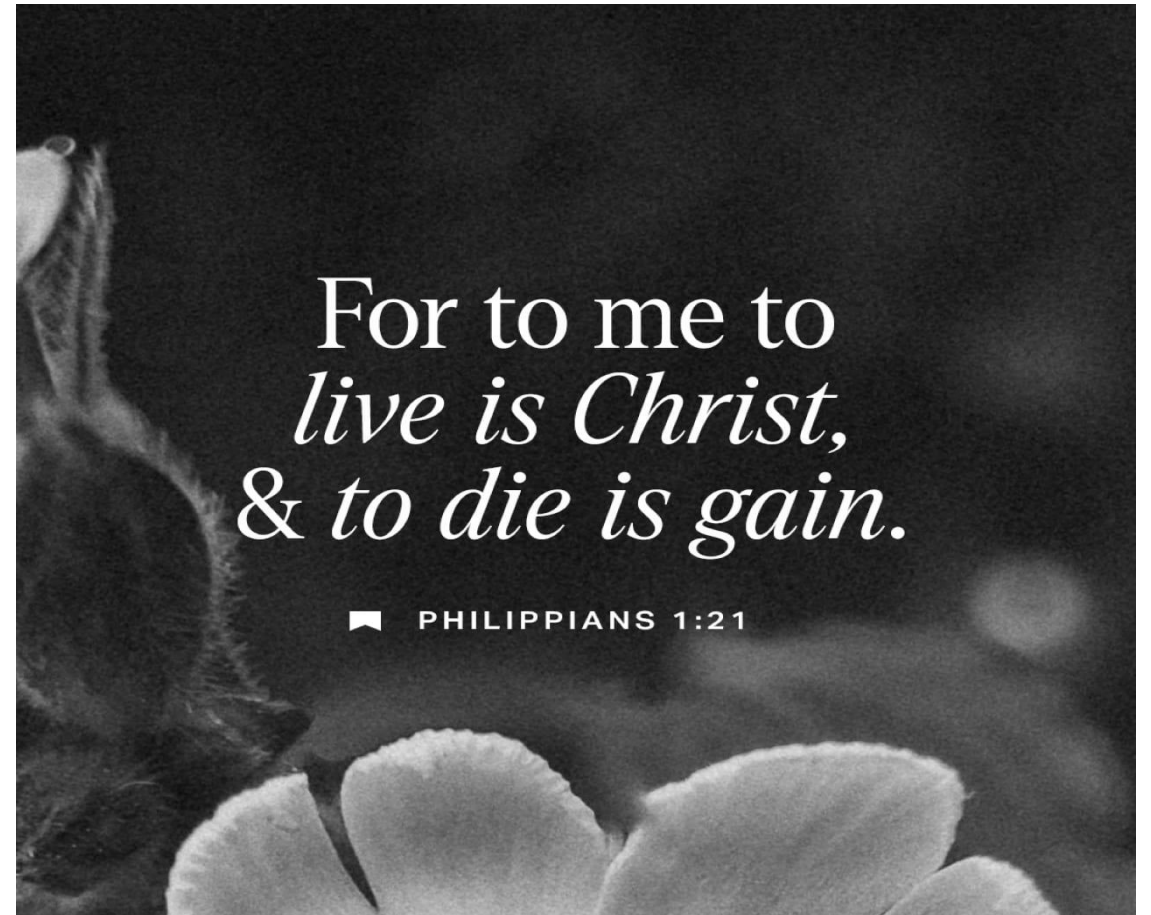
To live for Christ

Philippian 1:3-22

New Year Resolution

- Come follow Jesus
Love and serve Him

To live for Christ



Philippian church : Introduction



- Apostle Paul ... author
- Letter from Rome
- Philippians Church was the fruit of the Gospel

Philippians 1:3-22

- Gospel fruit
- Gospel advance
- Gospel motivation.....

Gospel fruit Philippians Church

- I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- Gospel is the key word
- Confidence... in God to complete the work

Gospel

- Origin..... Middle English word Goodspell
- Goodspell : Good and Spell or good and story
- Gospel the good story of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who enter the world to die for us

Philippians Church: Gospel fruit

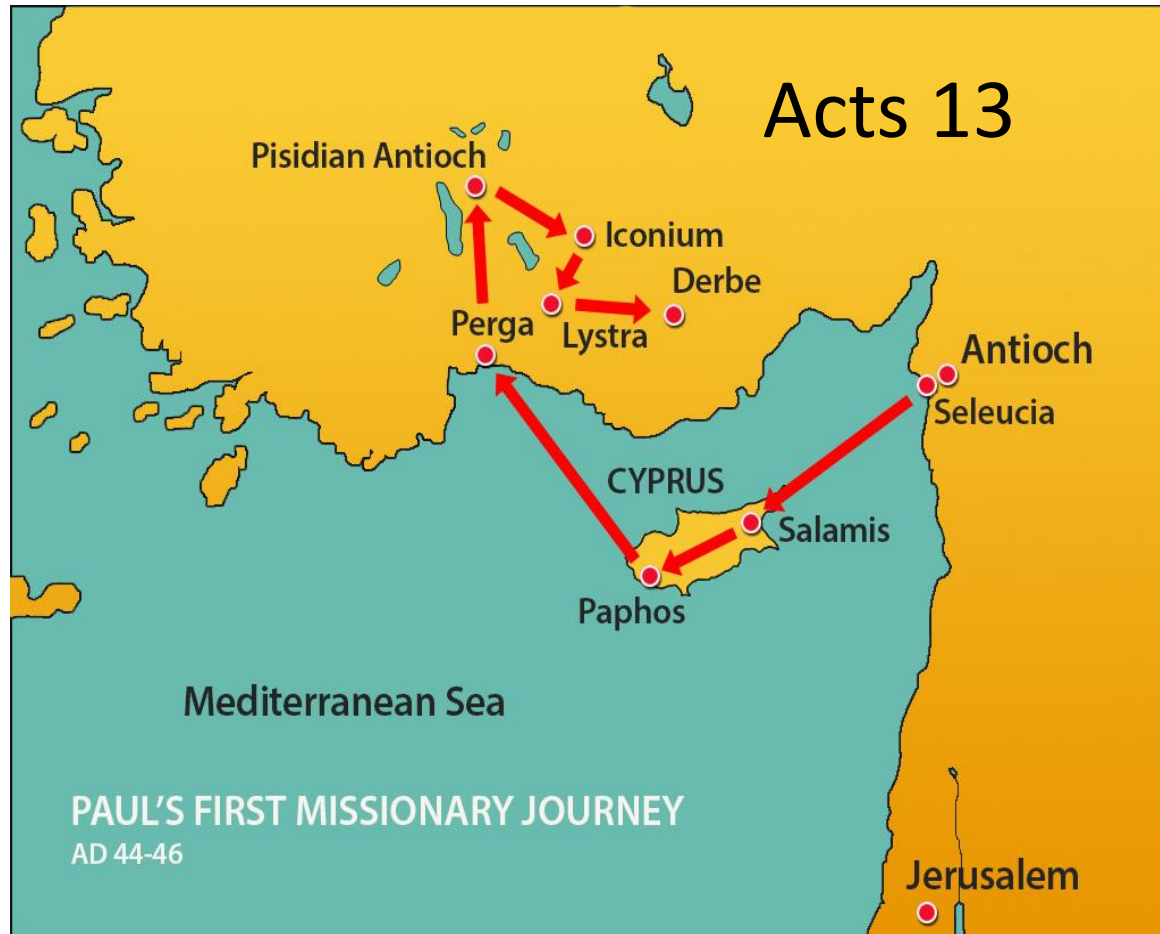
- good work in them
 - initiated by God...
 - completed by Him

Partnership in the gospel

- work in them... transform
- work to spread the gospel

Live for Christ ... work of God
in partnership with us

Philippian church: Gospel expansion



Philippian church beginning (Acts 16)....



- Philippi... Roman colony
- Born from a vision...
Macedonian call(9)
- Founded at the home of
Lydia, seller of purple cloth

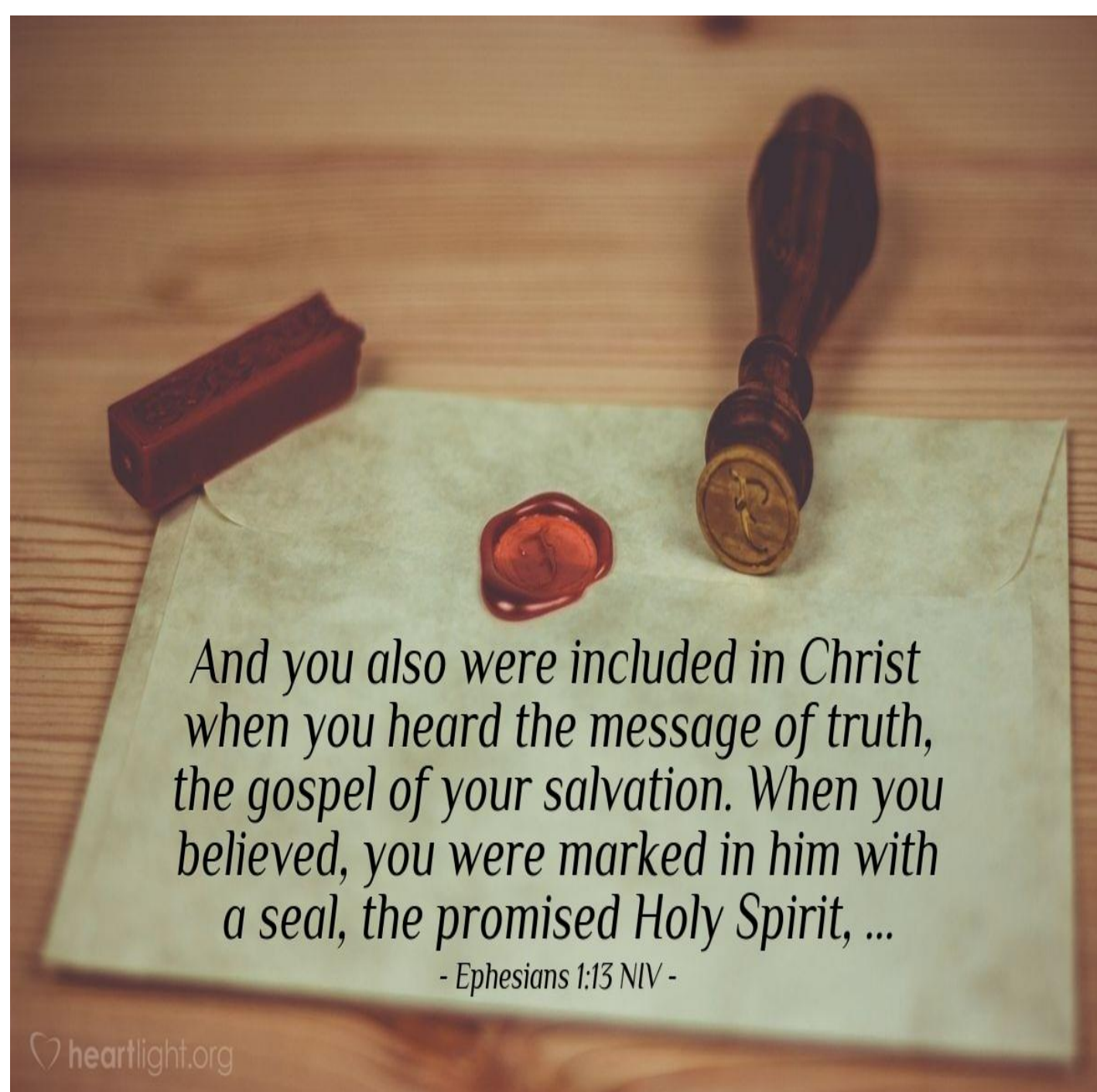
- Deliverance of a slave girl from demon possessionimprisoned
- Delivered from prison by earthquake.... led to the conversion of the prison guard and family

Philippians church

- had a special place in Paul's heart (7-8)

Paul's confidence...

- Confidence is in God
- That He will complete this work in the Philippians (6)
- Not in the miraculous acts of God at the birth of the Church
- Not mentioned in the letter



And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ...

- Ephesians 1:13 NIV -

Paul's confidence

- Given us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee (Ephesians 1:13)

Sealed by the Holy Spirit

- What does it Mean?
 - Security....our salvation
 - Ownership... we belong to God
 - Pledge...a deposit of the inheritance we will receive



**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,
KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS,
SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH
THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.**

- GALATIANS 5:22-23 -

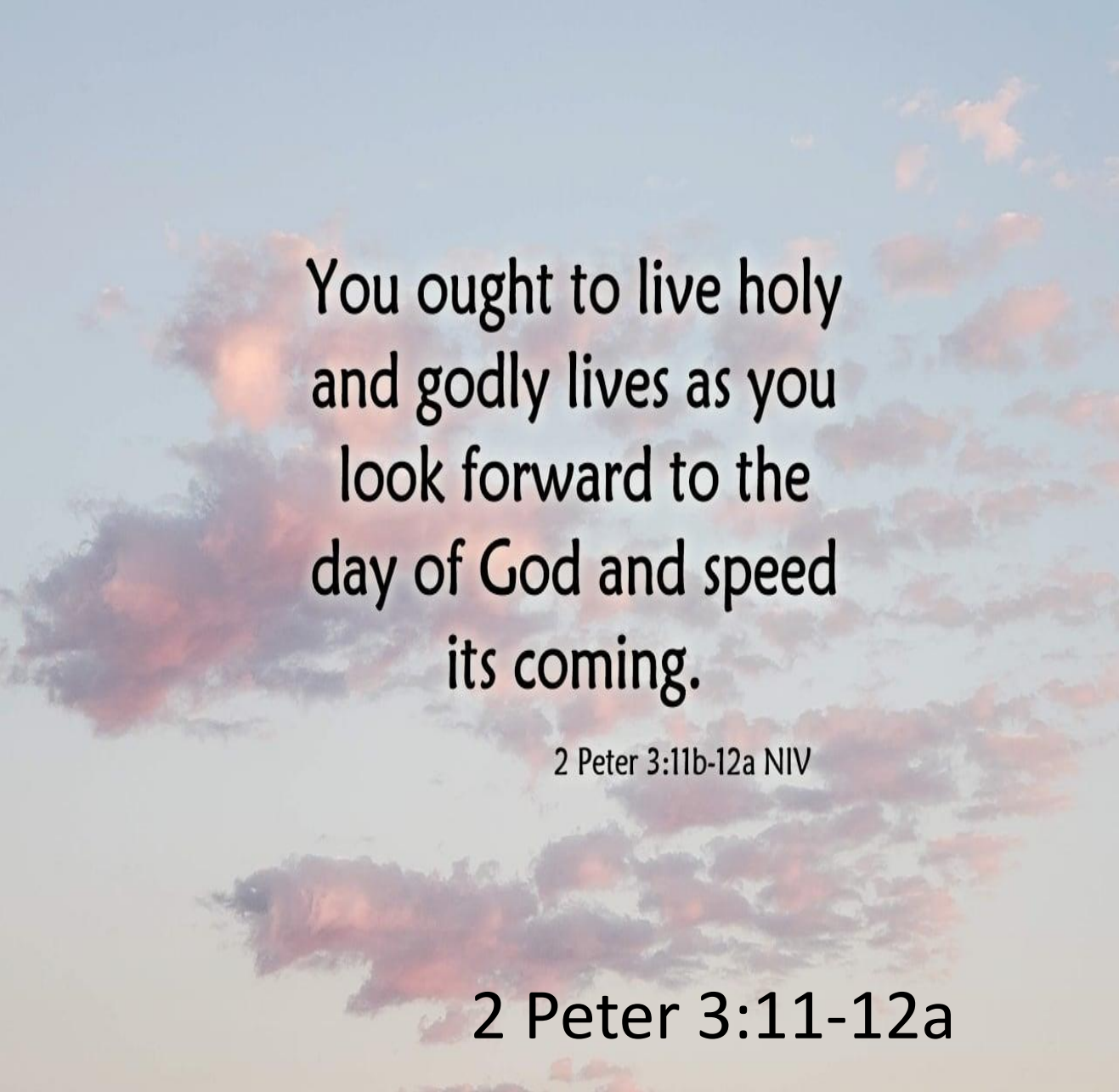
- God's unseen work in our hearts (by the holy Spirit) produces fruits in our lives.
- to be conform into the image of His Son

(Romans 8:29)

Partnership :

Their effort to

- Be humble, to consider others better than yourself and consider the interests of others(2:1-4)
- Do everything without grumbling or arguing ... so that you will shine amongst them as stars in the sky (2:14)
- Let your gentleness be evident to everyone (4:5)



You ought to live holy
and godly lives as you
look forward to the
day of God and speed
its coming.

2 Peter 3:11b-12a NIV

2 Peter 3:11-12a

Make every
effort....

- Make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him

(2 Peter 3:14)

Partnership: gospel advance

- Church growth from a gathering by the river... established church
- Preached the gospel after Paul left

support for Paul's gospel ministry

- through their prayers (19)
- sent Epaphroditus to meet Paul's need when imprisoned in Rome(2:25)

Partnership: the charge

“Go therefore
and make
disciples of
all nations ...”

- Matt. 28:18-20



Empowered to witness

But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes
on you; and you will be
my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8



God does not need us but included us

- Stones can cry out for God
(Luke 19:39-40)

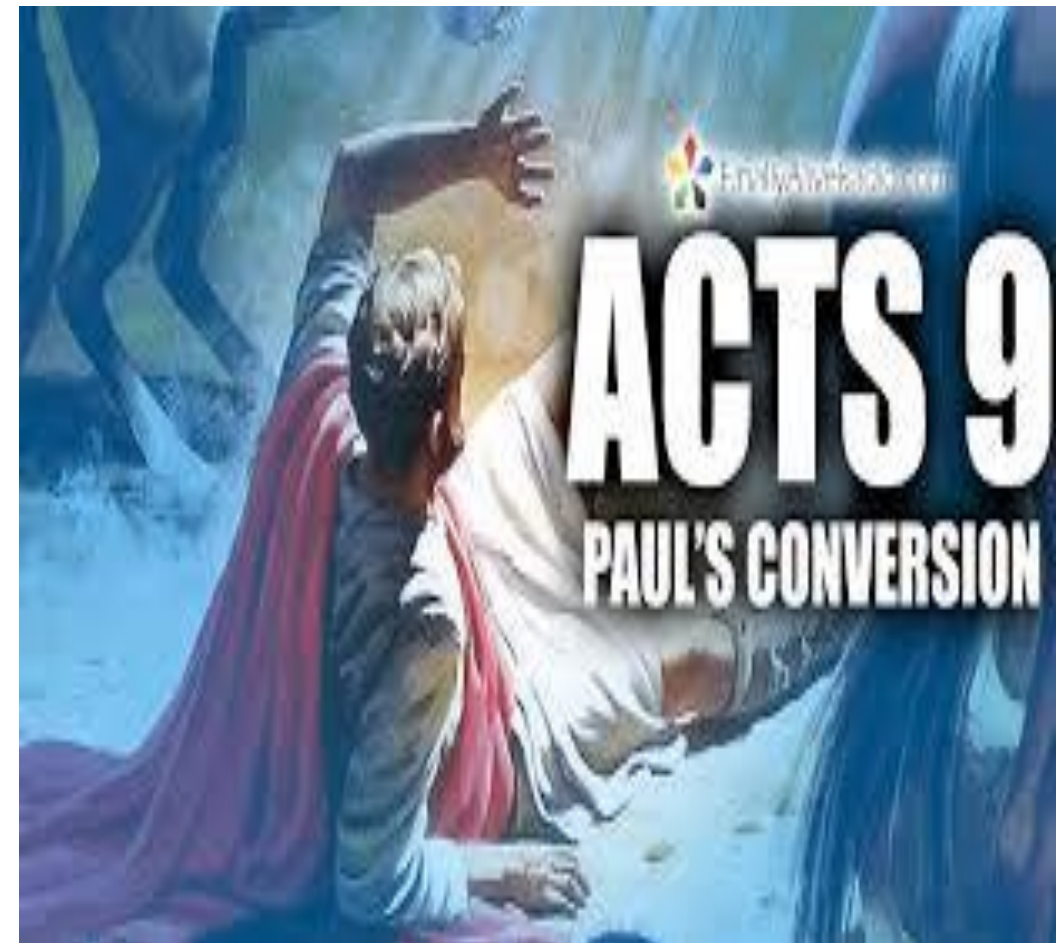
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**CAN
ROCKS
SPEAK?**



Donkey can speak for God.. to prophet Balaam (Numbers 22)

³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴



Work in progress

- And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Grow in

- love..
- knowledge and depth of insight...

Knowledge of God:

- Life and majesty
- Personality: God's goodness, God's grace, God's justice and wrath, God's comfort, God's wisdom and ways, and God's incarnation

I PRAY

that the **GOD** of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious Father

**WOULD GIVE
YOU A SPIRIT OF
WISDOM AND
REVELATION IN THE
KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.**

Ephesians 1:17

Knowing-Jesus.com



God wisdom
Ephesians 1:17

Goal for the Philippians

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- approve what is morally and ethically superior.... free of sin and from blame
- Live a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all (Message)

Gospel advance

- ¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Adversity.....his chains

Paul's imprisonment resulted:

- witness to all guards....
chained to Paul (13)
- encouragement to brothers
and sisters .. to be
courageous (14)
- May face resistance,
persecution and losses for
the gospel
- Part of God's plan.... turn out
for gospel advance (12)

In God's plan

Hope through adversity

- Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Hopeful because...

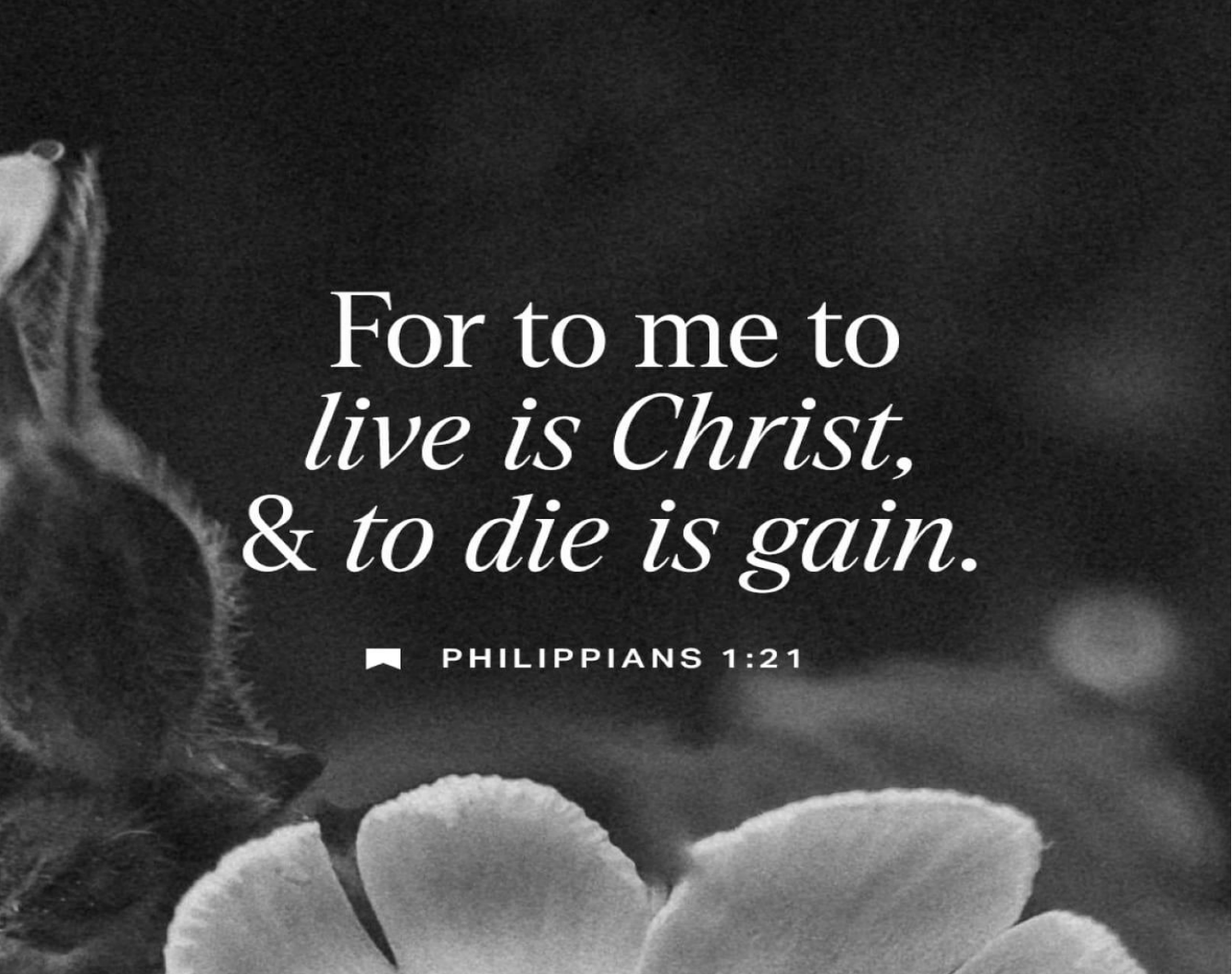
- Prison...place of regret, disappointment and despair
- Paul... not disappointed and discouraged.

Confident and hopeful:

- God's provision of the Spirit
- Because of their prayers.

Prayer...show a dependence on God

Despite adversity....



For to me to
live is Christ,
& *to die is gain.*

▣ PHILIPPIANS 1:21

- Motivation..... is to live for Christ

Gospel motivation: Christ is preached

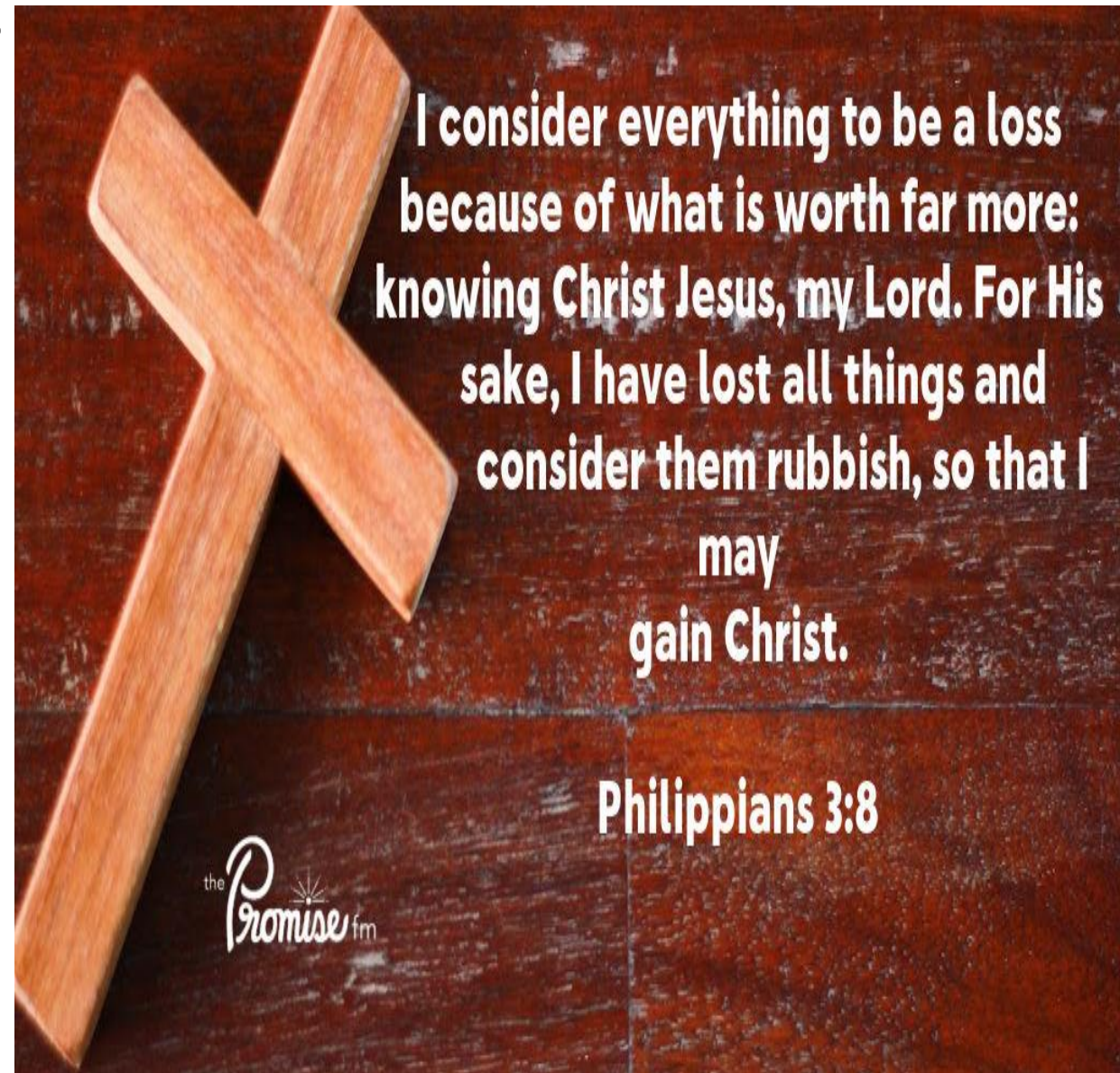
- ¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.....¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.
- Motives maybe be wrong but not content.
- Need to check our own motivation to preach the gospel... of selfish pride?

Christ is exalted

- ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
- Ambition for Christians.....
exalt Christ with our life
- Live for Christ is to exalt Him in all my thoughts, words and action

Christ only is our boast

- ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.



I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For His sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:8

the Promise fm

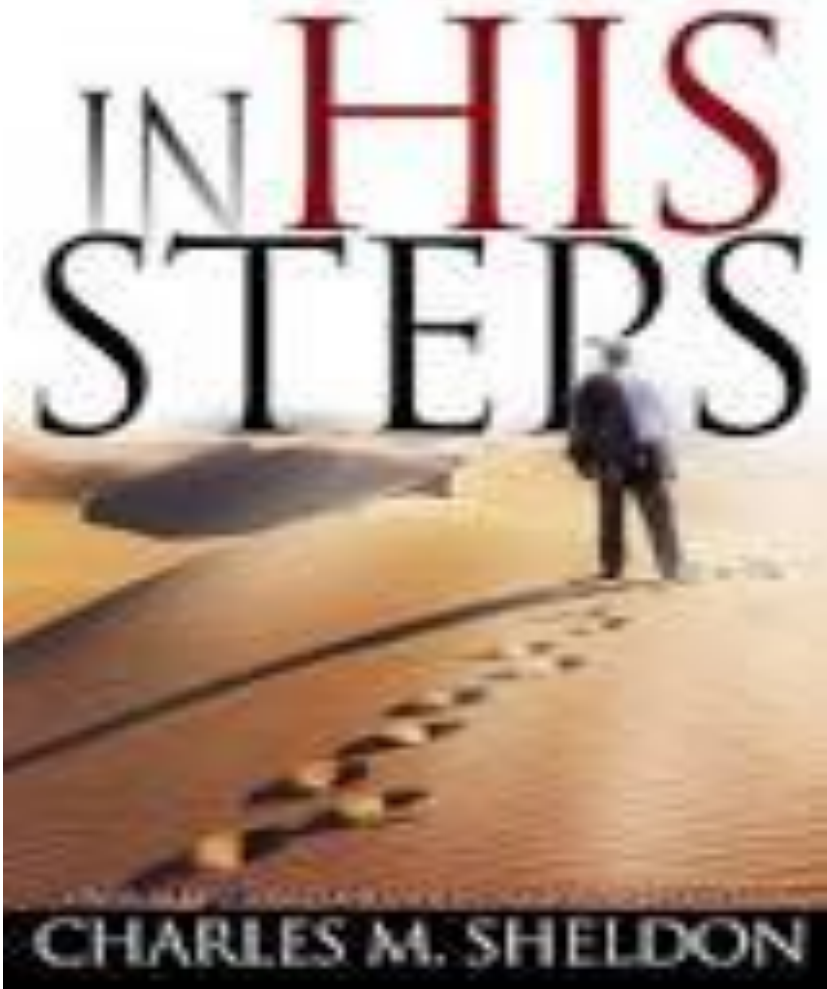
To live for Christ:

- Partnership in the work of God.
- Face adversity for Christ with hope..
- Confident in God's work

Right motivation:

- Christ be preached
- Christ be exalted
- Christ only be my boast

To live for Christ : 1 Peter 2:21



- Rev Henry Maxwell...the First Church of Raymond, NY City
- Revival movement in discipleship
- To follow in Jesus footsteps.. to ask what would Jesus do?

Published 1899

Revolution in discipleship

- Transformed a newspaper owner and chief editor to print only true, morally right and uplifting news... at a cost
- Wealthy heiress and brother...giving significant portion of inheritance to support Christian newspaper and welfare work among the slums area called the Rectangle

- Gifted singer giving up an opera career to use her melodious voice for the gospel.
- CEO of railway shops ... submitting proofs of wrong of his company to the authorities...loosing his well paid position
- Rev Henry... gave up yearly holiday... use the money for a poor family
- Rev Pastor and Bishop in Chicago.... gave up positions to do local missions amongst the poor

A close-up photograph of footprints in sand. The foreground shows a clear, deep footprint, while the background shows a series of smaller, fading footprints receding into the distance. The lighting is soft, creating gentle shadows within the prints.

For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for
you, leaving you an example, so
that you might follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

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To live for
Christ

Follow in His
footsteps

Steps to take

- Commitment.. To live for Christ
- Pray.. ask what would Jesus do in a particular situation
- Do whatever is needed to follow in His steps

Theme for 2025:
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