

Philippians 1:3-11

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## Anticipation of Jesus' Return

"...for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on **the day when Christ Jesus returns...** 

I pray that <u>your love will overflow more</u> and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God." Philippians 1:3-11

In anticipation of the return of Jesus, Paul's prayer is that follower of Jesus will.

Grow in their love

Grow in their knowledge and understanding

<u>So that</u>,

They will live pure and blameless lives

They will display the fruit of their salvation – righteous character They will bring God glory and praise when Jesus returns.

## Prepare(d) for The Day of Christ – The Day of the Lord

"...the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare." 2 Peter 3:10

Salvation has three 'tenses'

• Justification: The act of God declaring us righteous by faith in Jesus Christ. Justification is instantaneous and entirely God's work. It removes the guilt and penalty of sin. Belonging in community.

"To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi..." Philippians 1:1

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

- Sanctification: Process of becoming like Christ in character and behavior. Involves cooperation with the Holy Spirit through prayer, word, and obedience to His leading. The change of character and power to change behavior comes from God. Philippians 1:9-11
- Glorification: After a believer's death or at the return of Jesus they are perfected and receive glorified, resurrected bodies to live eternally with God. The completion of God's redemptive work. Sin is completely removed by Him, and believers share in God's glory in community.

"We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own." Philippians 3:20-21