

Many but One – **Living in Unity**
Face the future with a righteous determination

Ephesians 4:1-16; Philippians 1:1-11.

Background to Paul's letter to the Philippians

- Acts 16 records Paul's first meeting with the Philippians.
- Then Epaphroditus fell ill.
- Paul sends Epaphroditus back to the Philippian church with this letter.

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Isaiah 43:16, 18-19 (NIV). Philippians 1:1-11.

GREETINGS – v:1-2.

PAUL'S GRATITUDE AND APPEAL – v:3-11.

1. His appreciation for the saints at Philippi – v:3-8.

- a. Every memory of them is filled with joy – **v:3-4.**
- b. Appreciation for their fellowship in the gospel from the day they first met – **v:5.**
- c. He is positive that God will complete the good work begun in them.
 - They shared with him during his imprisonment and in the proclamation of the Gospel – **v:6-7.**
- d. God is his witness to the fact that he longs for them with the love of Jesus – **v:8.**

2. His prayer for them – v:9-11.

- a. That their love will flourish in knowledge and all discernment – **v:9.**
- b. Understanding what really matters – **v:10a**
- c. That they be sincere and without offense till Christ returns – **v:10b.**

d. They be filled with fruits of their salvation – **v:11.**

1) Made possible by Jesus Christ – **v:11a.**

2) To the glory and praise of God – **v:11b.**

Is your Road Map open?

- ♦ Plan to grow spiritually through the rest of 2021 & beyond
- ♦ Look out for warning signs of Spiritual complacency.
 - It creeps up unnoticed with tragic consequences.

Action points - as we face the future with godly determination.

1. Read systematically through your Bible this year.
2. Do an in-depth study of a book of the Bible this year.
3. Memorize Scripture: "A verse-a-week" this year.
4. Become an active member of a weekly LIFE GROUP (HFG) this year.
5. Lead a Life Group this year.
6. Read the biography of one of God's statesmen/women.
7. Become a Prayer Warrior.
8. Maintain a Growth Journal.
9. Lead someone who is lost to Christ this year.
10. Disciple someone this year.

Never forget these 3 facts

1. **It is Christ who builds His Church – Matthew 16:18.**
2. **God has a Plan and Purpose for BBC.**
3. **You will be in our prayers and we ask for yours.**

LET US FACE THE FUTURE WITH A GODLY DETERMINATION TO BE THE BEST PERSON GOD HAS IN BEACONSFIELD

Close with Paul's Final Greetings

2 Corinthians 13:11-14.

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