

Philippians 3:1-16

PERSISTENCE

Plan of Salvation

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- ◉ [Rom 10 9-10](#) ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person **believes**, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- ◉ [Gal 3:22](#) - the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who **believe**.
- ◉ [Eph 1:19](#) - and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who **believe**. (These are) in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

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- ◉ **Repent**
- ◉ [Ac 17:30](#) - "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all {people} everywhere should **repent**,
- ◉ [Ac 26:20](#) - but {kept} declaring both to those of Damascus first, and {also} at Jerusalem and {then} throughout all the region of Judea, and {even} to the Gentiles, that they should **repent** and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

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- ◉ [Mt 10:32](#) - "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also **confess** him before My Father who is in heaven

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- ◉ **Be Baptized**
- ◉ [1Pe 3:21](#) - Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
- ◉ [Ro 6:3-4](#) - Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- ◉ Mark 16:16, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-4, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:27, Ephesians 5:26, Colossians 2:12

Plan of Salvation

PRESS

Airline Ticket

- Believe
 - Repent
 - Confess
- } Deciding you want to travel and finding your ticket
- Baptism – Buying your ticket
 - PRESS – Everything between buying the ticket and taking your seat on the airplane.
 - PRESS – The rest of your life.
 - **1Pe 1:3** - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Spiritual Birth - Beginning

- **John 3:5** - ¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ² this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

I Press...

- **Philippians 3:14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- Press: διώκω: diōkō - to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after
 - to press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal
 - to pursue (in a hostile manner)
- without the idea of hostility, to run after, follow after: someone
- metaph., to pursue
 - to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire
- **KJV** (44) - follow, 4; follow after, 6; misc, 3; persecute, 28; suffer persecution, 3;
- **NAS** (45) - persecute, 10; persecuted, 13; persecuting, 7; persecutor, 1; practicing, 1; press, 2; pursue, 7; pursuing, 2; run after, 1; seek after, 1;

I Press...

- **Mt 7:7** - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- **Lu 11:9** - So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- Ask - aiteō - to ask, beg, call for, crave, desire, require
- Seek - zēteō - to crave, demand something from someone
- Knock - krouō - to knock: at the door

I Press...

- **1Co 9:24-27** - ²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

I Press...

- **Heb 12:1-11** - ¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; ⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons: "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM: FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." ⁶ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁷ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁸ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? ⁹ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. ¹⁰ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

I Press...

- ◉ [Heb 12:1](#) "let us run with endurance"
 - Endurance - in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings
 - fixing our eyes on Jesus ... who for the joy set before Him endured the cross
 - You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin

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- ◉ Hemathidrosis - a very rare medical phenomenon that's been reported about twelve to fourteen times in world medical literature and is only seen in people who are under tremendous stress and agony. In hemathidrosis, a person actually exudes blood from every sweat gland in their body. Each sweat gland has a small capillary that surrounds it, and in hemathidrosis, that small capillary ruptures. As it bursts, a person actually bleeds into their sweat glands.

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- ◉ **8** FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES. **9** It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline? **10** But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. **11** Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? **12** For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us for our good*, so that we may share His holiness. **13** All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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- ◉ [James 1:12-18](#) Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.
- ◉ [Romans 15:4](#) For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- ◉ [Hebrews 10:36](#) For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.
- ◉ [1 Corinthians 10:13](#) No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
- ◉ [James 5:7-8](#) Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
- ◉ [James 5:10-11](#) As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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- ◉ [Colossians 1:11](#) May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,
- ◉ [James 5:11](#) Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.
- ◉ [James 1:1-4](#) James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- ◉ [Hebrews 12:7](#) It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
- ◉ [2 Timothy 3:10-12](#) You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- ◉ [Romans 2:7](#) To those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;
- ◉ [Romans 5:3-4](#) More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

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- ◉ [Mt 13:18-23](#) **18** "Hear then the parable of the sower. **19** "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. **20** "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; **21** yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. **22** "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. **23** "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

I Press...

Don't

- [Gal 5:4](#) - You have been **severed** from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- [Heb 6:4-6](#) ⁴ For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

I Press...

Don't

- [Rev 2:5](#) - "Therefore remember from where you have **fallen**, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place – unless you repent.
- [1Co 15:1-2](#) ¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- [Acts 8:9-24](#) Simon in the "bondage of iniquity"
 - Iniquity – *adikia* –
 - injustice, of a judge
 - unrighteousness of heart and life
 - a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness