

Identifiers of the Christian Life (Part 1)  
Philippians 1:1-11

Two Foundational Words:

- Grace: the activity of God in man's behalf - Phil 1:2; Eph 2:8
- Peace: the wholeness and wellness resulting from grace - Phil 1:2; 4:7

(In God's grace and peace we discover who we are and how to live.)

The Christian Life Is a Holy Life - Phil 1:1; I Peter 1:16

- We were sinners, now we are saints - Ro 5:8; Heb 7:26  
...only saints can be made like Christ!
- We were made saints by grace - Eph 2:8  
...by the receptivity of God's activity  
...in Christ's death and resurrection, we received the death of our sinful identity, and  
the new birth of our holy identity - Ro 6:5-11; Ga 2:20; II Cor 5:17
- As a result, we have peace with God - Ro 5:1  
...there is nothing between us - I Cor 6:17

(We are to set our minds on the saving work of Christ.)

The Christian Life Is a Hopeful Life - Phil 1:6

- We have a divine assurance of God at work in our behalf in all things  
...grace is as much about divine continuance as divine initiative - Phil 1:12-14
- We are made hopeful by grace - Phil 1:7  
...God will actively finish what He began - Ro 8:28-29  
...grace is about the perseverance of God - Heb 13:5
- As a result, we have the peace of God - Phil 4:6-7  
...the peace of an unbreakable union - Ro 8:31-39

(We are to set our minds on the redemptive work of Christ.)

When Living Means Christ, We Have a Holy and Hopeful Center!