*Tuesday, January 22, 2013*

**Daily Bread for Life**

Philippians 1:2-11 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: 7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. 8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. KJV

Philippians 1:2-11 Amplified version

**2** Grace (favor and blessing) to you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). **3** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. **4** In every prayer of mine I always make my entreaty *and* petition for you all with joy (delight). **5** [I thank my God] for your fellowship (your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership) in advancing the good news (the Gospel) from the first day [you heard it] until now. **6** And I am convinced *and* sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] *and* perfecting *and* bringing it to full completion in you. **7** It is right *and* appropriate for me to have this confidence *and* feel this way about you all, because you have me in your heart *and* I hold you in my heart as partakers *and* sharers, one *and* all with me, of grace (God’s unmerited favor and spiritual blessing). [This is true] both when I am shut up in prison and when I am out in the defense and confirmation of the good news (the Gospel). **8** For God is my witness how I long for *and* pursue you all with love, in the tender mercy of Christ Jesus [Himself]! **9** And this I pray: that your love may abound yet more and more *and* extend to its fullest development in knowledge and all keen insight [that your love may display itself in greater depth of acquaintance and more comprehensive discernment], **10** So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, *and* approve *and* prize what is excellent *and* of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted *and* pure and unerring *and* blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling *nor* causing others to stumble]. **11** May you abound in *and* be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God [that His glory may be both manifested and recognized].

Dearly loved, continue to walk confidently in the Lord this day, trusting and knowing that He is continuing to work within you bringing about growth and maturity; and strengthening you so that you are able to hold fast your profession of faith without wavering. Hold fast, trust, know that He is able to do above and beyond what you could have ever asked or thought. God bless; have a very blessed and prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.