

## Scriptures for Oct 14, 2024 Message by Donna Jones

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> **For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:26-29)

### Philippians 1

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**To all God's holy people** in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons<sup>[a]</sup>:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> **because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now**, <sup>6</sup> **being confident of this**, that **he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus**.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, **all of you share in God's grace with me**. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> **And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight**, <sup>10</sup> **so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ**,<sup>11</sup> **filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God**.

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(Col 1:1-5)

<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> **to make her holy**, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church,

**without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.** (Ephesians 5:1-2; 25b-27)

## **How Does God Complete Me?**

### **1) Trials**

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> **Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

### **2. Other People**

<sup>28</sup> He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, **so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.** <sup>29</sup> To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. (Col 1:28-28)

### **3. God's Word**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> **so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped** for every good work.

### **4. Prayer**

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### **(Note: I may or may not use this scripture)**

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)