PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS AND SPLANCHNON Philippians 1:6-8

I. <u>Confident</u> Of Their Destiny -vs. 6

Peitho - be certain, be sure, be persuaded

Enarchomai - to begin

Galatians 3:3 Ephesians 2:8-9 Acts 16:14 Philippians 1:29

Ephesians 1:4

Epiteleo - complete, finish, carry out, attain a goal

Romans 8:29-30 Galatians 2:20 John 6:37-40 John 10:27-28 Romans 8:38-39 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Ephesians 1:13-14

II. Partners In God's $\underline{\text{Grace}} - vs. 7$

Dikaios - <u>righteous</u>, just, upright, being in accordance with God's <u>standards</u>

Philippians 1:3-5

Kardia - <u>inner self</u>, never the literal body part called the "heart"; this is a reference to the areas of the inner self, including: the volition, the mind, the desires

Proverbs 4:23

Proverbs 3:5

Desmos - imprisonment, chains

Apologia – 1) <u>verbal</u> defense, speech in defense 2) a reasoned statement or <u>argument</u>

Bebaiōsis - verification, confirmation

Synkoinōnos - participant with others in anything, joint <u>partner</u>.

Charis - good will, loving-kindness, favor

III. Longing From The <u>Bowels</u> - vs. 8

Romans 1:9

2 Corinthians 1:23

Epipotheō - deeply <u>desire</u>; have great affection for; yearn for

Splanchnon - <u>bowels</u>, intestines. The bowels were regarded as the seat of the more violent passions, such as anger and love; but by the Hebrews as the seat of the more tender affections, esp. kindness, benevolence, compassion

Closing thought: Paul was affirming his beloved brothers and sisters guaranteed destiny. He had a deep yearning to be with his siblings in Christ. Overwhelming joy in the fellowship of Christ!!! Do you feel it? If so, praise God. If not, why not? It's either a lack of salvation or a self focused, self-pitying view of your circumstances.