

Philippians 1:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

Analysis

And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith (καὶ τοῦτο πεποιθῶς οἶδα ὅτι μενῶ καὶ παραμενῶ πᾶσιν ὑμῖν εἰς τὴν ὑμῶν προκοπὴν καὶ χαρὰν τῆς πίστεως, kai touto pepoithōs oida hoti menō kai paramenō pasin hymin eis tēn hymōn prokopēn kai charan tēs pisteōs)—Pepoithōs (perfect participle, "having been persuaded, confident") expresses settled conviction. Oida ("I know") claims prophetic insight—Paul expects release from imprisonment.

Menō kai paramenō ("I shall remain and continue to remain") doubles the verb for emphasis. Purpose: **for your furtherance** (εἰς τὴν ὑμῶν προκοπὴν, eis tēn hymōn prokopēn)—prokopēn ("progress, advancement," same word as v. 12) now applied to believers' maturity. **Joy of faith** (χαρὰν τῆς πίστεως, charan tēs pisteōs) unites Philippians' twin themes: joy and faith. Paul's ministry aims at both doctrinal growth and affective joy.

Historical Context

Paul's confidence proved accurate—he was released from this imprisonment (implied by Pastoral Epistles, which presume a fourth missionary journey). Whether by revelation or sanctified judgment based on legal circumstances, Paul believed God would preserve him for further ministry. Ancient imprisonment outcomes were unpredictable; Paul's confidence rested on providence, not legal optimism.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How do you discern between presumption and Spirit-given confidence about the future?
2. What is the relationship between 'furtherance' (growth) and 'joy' in Christian maturity?
3. Are you as confident as Paul that God will preserve you for the sake of others' faith?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	τοῦτο	πεποιθὼς	οἶδα	ὅτι	μενῶ	καὶ	
And	having this	confidence	I know	that	I shall abide	And	
G2532	G5124	G3982	G1492	G3754	G3306	G2532	
συνπαρεμῶ	πᾶσιν	ὑμῖν	εἰς	τὴν	ὑμῶν	προκοπὴν	καὶ
continue	all	with you	for	G3588	your	furtherance	And
G4839	G3956	G5213	G1519		G5216	G4297	G2532
χαρὰν	τῆς	πίστεως					
joy	G3588	of faith					
G5479		G4102					

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 1:24 (Faith): Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Philippians 2:24 (Faith): But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

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