



## **Projection from 4.28.2019 – “A Story of Grace from Beginning to End” – Matthew Williams**

Philippians 1:1–11

[1] Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: [2] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [3] I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, [4] always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, [5] because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. [6] And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. [7] It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. [8] For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. [9] And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, [10] so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, [11] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (ESV)

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**From beginning to end, the story of our church is a story of grace.**

### **1) Our identity is found in Christ (verses 1-2)**

“You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” – Exodus 19:6

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession...” – 1 Peter 2:9

### **2) Our future is secure in Christ (verses 3-8)**

### **3) Our mission is fulfilled through Christ (verses 9-11)**

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” – Hebrews 4:15-16