

## St. Andrew's Lunchtime Service, 17.10.2017.

**Bible readings:- Philippians 1: 1-6.** - *“Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ. To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Phillippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4. always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5. for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6. **being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.**”*

**Matthew 10: 1-22.** - *“And when He (Jesus) had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of diseases. 2. Now the name of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, James the son of Zebadee, and John his brother; 3. Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4. Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. ....*

*16. “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. 17. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20. for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. 21. Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake, **But he who endures to the end will be saved.**”*

### **Topic:- 'WHO WILL BE SAVED?'**

*'Those whom God has chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world and in time and space calls by name to Himself through the preaching of the one and only Gospel.' - (Ephesians 1: 3-4; John 10: 27-32; Matthew 28: 18-20; Romans 10: 14-17, 8-13).*

By “saved” I mean:      1]. Those who **have been** saved by God's grace alone.  
                                     2]. Those who **are being** saved by God's grace in their daily walk.  
                                     3]. Those who **will be** ultimately saved by God's grace and taken to glory.

Two texts: Philippians 1: 6      and      Matthew 10: 22.

The Preservation of the saints & The Perseverance of the saints. (saints=set apart)

#### 1. ASSURANCE! Phil. 1:6 – (Note the context).

- 1]. Remember who the foundation members of this Church were:-  
Lydia (a business woman) & A Jailer – And their believing households. Cf. Acts 16.
- 2]. Remember today, who has saved you if you are a true believer in Christ alone.
- 3]. If you are not a Christian, NOW IS THE DAY to turn from your sin against God and ask HIM to **“begin this good work (of grace) in you”**.  
Being assured that HE will **“complete it”**.

#### 2. ENDURANCE! Matt. 10: 22 – (Note the context).

- 1]. Christ's 12 Apostles.
- 2]. Including Judas Iscariot, the betrayer?
- 3]. Verses 5-15 shows the amazing things they did in Christ's name.
- 4]. Verses 16-21:- The trials and tribulations they will face with God's help.
- 5]. THE statement! V. 22. - Did they?
- 6]. Judas Iscariot didn't! & What of the others?
- 7]. These 11 “endured to the end”.
- 8]. The BIG question for You and I today is, will we?
- 9]. Two examples: **a.** George Whitefield; **b.** My wife June.
- 10]. My Assurance and Endurance. Phil. 1: 6; 2: 12-13! - Is this yours?