

Life in the Spirit: The First Installment of Things to Come

Text: *2 Corinthians 1:12–24 (NIV)*

What God has Done to Establish Believers

- God gives us _____ to stand in the face of hardship

- God _____ the Holy Spirit within us

- God sets His _____ on us

How God Secures Our Hope

- The basis of a Christian's hope is _____

- The Spirit is the first installment of the fullness of life that comes at _____

- In receiving the deposit, we _____ ourselves to serve

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Do you struggle with indecisiveness? What decisions make you most uncertain and stressed?
- Why did Paul seem indecisive to the Corinthians? Why would they think that was a hindrance to his spiritual leadership?
- How does Paul account for his change of plans (1:23-2:2)?
- What does Paul lay out as the basis for Christian integrity?
- What has God done to establish believers, giving them confidence in a world of trials and struggles?
- What is the significance of the Spirit's presence in a Christian's life?
- How does the Spirit secure our future hope? How does He help us look at our current suffering and trials?
- We have been studying Life in the Spirit for the last eight months. What have you learned about the Spirit? How are you growing in your experience of the Spirit?