"The Pathway of Perseverance"

Romans 15:4 - For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that **through perseverance** and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

- 5 Now may **the God who gives perseverance** and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,
- 6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NAS)

I. The **Meaning** of Perseverance

"persevere" - to go through something severe

II. The **Need** for Perseverance

2 Peter 1:5b - ... **Make every effort** to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 - and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, **perseverance** ...(NIV)

III. God **Produces Blessings** Through Our Perseverance

Romans 5:3b - ... We also **rejoice** in our sufferings, **because we know** that **suffering produces perseverance**;

- 4. perseverance, character; and character, hope.
- 5. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. (NIV)

IV. The **Pursuit** of Perseverance

1 Timothy 6:11b - ... **Pursue** righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, **perseverance**, and gentleness. (NLT)

Pursue Perseverance By:

- 1. Put your Problems in Perspective
- 2. Tackle Today
- 3. Surround yourself with Supporters
- 4. Rest and refocus.
- 5. Persist in Positivity
- 6. Refuse to Relinquish