

Empowered For Mission (Philippians 3:12-14)

Introduction: *Bond, James Bond – Empowered for mission!*

- I. WE ARE ALREADY EMPOWERED FOR MISSION
 - A. It is God's mission, not ours
 - B. We are sinners, but God uses us in His mission

- II. GOD SENT HIS SON ON THE RESCUE MISSION
 - A. Paul reminds us: ***Christ Jesus has made me His own (v.12)***
 - B. Jesus has told us: *No one can snatch us from His hand (John.10:28)*
 - C. God's Spirit has been given to you in your baptism (Phil.1:6)
 - D. The Church has been sent on the mission & you are proof! (Rom. 10:14-15)

- III. IN JESUS' STRONG GRASP, UNDER THE HOLY SPIRIT'S SEAL & AS A PART OF GOD'S SENT CHURCH – ***you*** HAVE BEEN EMPOWERED FOR MISSION
 - A. Imagine – You have been rescued “behind enemy lines”, but you have to stay there to be part of an ONGOING RESCUE MISSION
 - B. Paul wanted to go home to heaven, but Jesus says: *Not yet!* (Phil. 3:12; 2 Cor. 5:7)

- IV. WE HAVE OPPOSITION TO THIS MISSION GOD'S GIVEN US
 - A. The Devil & our sinful world hate this mission
 - B. But God is in control & will see the mission through

Conclusion: *James Bond never lost on a mission & neither will we!*