

This Morning's Sermon

From Start to Finish

Philippians 1.6 is just an amazing passage. It explains Paul's eager joy of anticipation. It explains God's work from start to finish. For him, at that moment, things going on around him definitely weren't perfect, but he had such a trust in God that he chose to look ahead and know God was going to work it out in the end.

I. Paul's Confidence in What God Started

- A. 1.6: *I am* _____ *of this...* Paul is: "convinced, confident, & persuaded"
- B. 1.6: *that he who* _____ *a good work in you will carry it on to completion.*
 - 1. "Start," points to salvation. "To inaugurate." Your salvation is the work of God.
 - a) Titus 3.5: _____ — *according to his mercy...*
 - b) See 2 Thessalonians 2.13; James 1.18. Salvation is by God's will.
 - 2. We must yield and do so in our baptism, Titus 3.5.

II. Paul's Confidence in What God Will Complete

- A. *I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to* _____
- B. You can rest on God's promises:
 - 1. Romans 5.10:*how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his* _____.
 - 2. Hebrews 7.25: ... *he always lives to* _____ *for them.*
- C. Philippians 3.16-17:
 - 1. 3.16: *In any case, we should* _____ *whatever truth we have attained.*
 - 2. 3.17: *Join in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and pay careful* _____ *to those who live according to the example you have in us.*
 - 3. 2 Timothy 2.19: *God's solid foundation stands firm, bearing this inscription: The Lord knows those who are his, and let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness.*
- D. God perseveres with the understanding of who we are. See Romans 8.29-39.
 - 1. A work in progress: God wants you to be _____ *to the image of Christ.*
 - 2. Philippians 1.6: God will see it through *to the day of Christ.*

III. As We Close...

- A. Your salvation is not tenuous
 - 1. Psalm 89.33: *I will not withdraw my faithful love from him or betray my faithfulness.*
 - 2. Romans 11.29: *God's gracious gifts and calling are irrevocable.*
 - 3. Jude 24: *Now to him who is able to* _____ *you from stumbling and to make you stand, without blemish and with great joy,*
- B. God is working inside you & your family
- C. God is working inside this church

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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1.3-8

Thinking Through Today's Lesson

1. What are some clues we gain about the character of the Father from 1.6? Who is the Father?
2. Why do you think Paul called God's work of salvation good in 1.6?
3. What assurances do we have from the Word regarding our salvation?
4. What does Philippians 3.16-17 teach us about our role in spiritual preservation?
5. What are some things you can do to enjoy the process of your sanctification?

Notes

Answers

He saved us	Life	Attention	Protect	Sure
Live up to	Intercede	Completion	Started	Conformed