

## **"THE GOOD WORK OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER"**

### **PHILIPPIANS 1:1-7**

**INTRO:** In Genesis chapter one, as God performed the various acts of creation, it is stated over and over again that what God did was **good**. Upon the creation of Adam, the Bible not only says it was **good**, but that it was **VERY GOOD**! Without a doubt we can say that **EVERY WORK OF GOD IS GOOD** because God does not fail, God does not mess up and God does not give up! This is also true in the LIFE OF THE BELIEVER. **WHAT GOD BEGINS IN US AT THE POINT OF SALVATION HE WILL COMPLETE AND NOTHING CAN OR WILL STOP HIM AND THAT WORK WILL BE VERY GOOD**! This is the teaching of Philippians 1:6 that we shall study today.

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**NOTE:** Philippians 1:6 begins with the phrase **"BEING CONFIDENT"** which means to **"BE PERSUADED"** and have **"DEFINITE ASSURANCE"** that what God begins **HE WILL SEE TO THE END AND COMPLETE**! In this text, it means that what God has started in the life of each believer God will finish.

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#### ***I. GOD HAS COMMENCED HIS GOOD WORK IN BELIEVERS - VS. 6a***

**NOTE:** The word "BEGUN" means to **"BEGIN IN"** which speaks of the salvation God begins in us at the point of trusting Christ as Savior. Thus, Paul is speaking of the **INITIAL WORK OF SALVATION GOD BRINGS TO US THROUGH OUR BELIEF IN CHRIST. HOW DOES THIS WORK?**

A. God Convicts us of our Sin of Unbelief through the Holy Spirit.

-John 16:7-11

B. God Saves us as we Respond to that Conviction

-Acts 16:31; Romans 10:13

C. God Secures us at the Point of Salvation

1. Through Justification - Romans 5:1

To be declared **NOT GUILTY** by God the Father, at the point of salvation, with respect to our sin, through faith in Christ alone, based upon the work of Christ on the Cross.

2. Through Redemption - Ephesians 1:7

To be purchased out of the market of sin, at the point of salvation, through the **PRICE OF DEATH** Jesus Christ paid for us on the Cross.

3. Through Sanctification - 1 Corinthians 1:2

To be **SET APART UNTO GOD** by the work of the **HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD** at the point of salvation.

**GOD'S GOOD WORK OF SALVATION BEGUN IN US AT THE POINT OF SALVATION WILL GUARANTEE OUR ETERNAL PRESENCE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN....AND NOTHING CAN OR WILL PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING!**

**ILLUSTRATION:**

#### ***II. GOD WILL CONTINUE HIS GOOD WORK IN BELIEVERS - VS. 6b***

**NOTE:** The phrase "WILL PERFORM" means to **"FULLY COMPLETE."** There is NO POSSIBILITY that God will FAIL to complete in us what He started. **EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY GOD IS AT WORK IN US TO COMPLETE THAT WHICH HE BEGAN!**

A. Through The Holy Spirit He Gives Us

-1 Corinthians 6:19,20; Romans 8:9

1. The Holy Spirit Teaches Us - John 14:26

2. The Holy Spirit Enables Us - Galatians 5:16

B. Through the Trials of Life He Directs

-James 1:2-4

1. Designed to Build Endurance - James 1:3

2. Designed to Build Spiritual Maturity - James 1:4

C. Through the Ministry He Provides

-1 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:5

1. By Means of Spiritual Gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:7,11

2. By Means of Special Opportunities

**GOD'S GOOD WORK IS TAKING PLACE IN US EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY AND WE MUST NOT ENDEAVOR TO RESIST IT.**

**ILLUSTRATION:**

#### ***III. GOD WILL COMPLETE HIS GOOD WORK IN BELIEVERS - VS. 6c***

**NOTE:** The phrase "UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST" refers to the **RAPTURE** when we will be **COMPLETELY GLORIFIED**.

A. God will work in us in us EVERY DAY until we See Christ.

B. God will work in us AT THE RAPTURE when we See Christ

**FOR GOD TO BEGIN SALVATION IN US IS AN IRREVOCABLE GUARANTEE THAT HE WILL COMPLETE IT. GOD HAS NO UNFINISHED WORK! WE HAVE ETERNAL SECURITY!**

1. At the Rapture, we will be CONFORMED to the Image of Christ!

-Romans 8:28-30; 1 John 3:2

2. At the Rapture, we will be CHANGED from CORRUPTION to INCORRUPTION and from MORTALITY to IMMORTALITY!

-1 Corinthians 15:49-53

***GOD HAS PROMISED TO COMPLETE HIS WORK IN US AND HE WILL!***

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON/APPLICATION:

***MAKE CERTAIN OF YOUR SALVATION THIS VERY MOMENT!  
THEN AS A CHRISTIAN...***

1) Thank God for what He is doing in You.

2) Trust God to do all that He needs to do in You.