

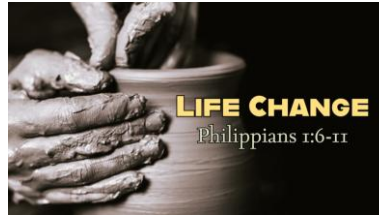
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: Nehemiah – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: Philippians 1:6-11 – God began a good work in you and will finish it!

Today's Message:

"Life Change"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we began the book of *Philippians* with an overview and introduction. This faithful church is a model for all local churches related to caring for missionaries and missions giving and support! The church was planted in part in a Roman prison and Paul later wrote this letter from a Roman prison. Today, we will learn that on the day of salvation, God begins an incredible work **INSIDE** the born-again believer – a life change! And He **PROMISES** to keep molding and making you more and more like Jesus Christ until the day that you see Him face to face. What a blessed truth! This is God's message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text Philippians 1:6-11

A. The Promise – your salvation and spiritual growth begin with God.

1. Salvation and spiritual growth begin with God – it is His good **WORK**!

Important Note

Salvation is just the beginning for the born-again Christian!

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man,
that he should lie;
neither the son of man,
that he should repent:
hath he said, and
shall he not do it?
Or hath he spoken,
and shall he not
make it good?

- **Philippians 1:6** – Being **confident of this very thing**, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:
- **Ephesians 2:10** – For **we are his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- **John 6:44** – No man can come to me, **except the Father... draw him**.
- **2 Corinth 5:17** – Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature...**
- If you are saved, it is evidence that God has **STARTED** something special in you!

Personal Application

Your salvation – how did your life change the day you trusted Jesus Christ?

Your spiritual growth – how has your life changed since? Are you still changing?

B. The Process – God is actively working in your life to make you like Christ.

2. God keeps working in you to **CONFORM** you to the image of Jesus Christ.

- **Philippians 1:6** – ... a good work in you **will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ**:

"Being confident of this very thing..."

The Apostle Paul had confidence in this truth! Amen. And so should we! Amen.
This truth will help you to keep pressing forward in life despite circumstances and pain.

Important Note

God is patient to wait on you as you work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

- **Philippians 2:13** – ...it is God which worketh in you...to will... to do of his good pleasure.
- **Romans 8:29** – ... to be conformed to the image of his Son...

Personal Application

To know God – He is the potter, you are the clay. How well do you know Him?

To make Him known – does your light and life shine for Christ? your testimony?

3. Your life should be **CHANGING** to be more and more like Jesus Christ.

- **Philippians 1:9-11** – And this I pray, **that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**

Personal Application

- ❖ Abounding love – you are **CARING** for people, God's church and loving the brethren
- ❖ Growing in knowledge – you are **UNDERSTANDING** the Bible, God, and His truth
- ❖ Growing in all judgment – you have spiritual **DISCERNMENT** and grounded in truth
- ❖ Decision making – you are making **BETTER** decisions to honor and obey God
- ❖ Sincerity – you are **HONEST** in mind and intentions and free from hypocrisy
- ❖ Without offence – you are sinning less and not causing others to **STUMBLE**
- ❖ Filled with the fruits of righteousness – you **LIVE** a life conformed to word of God
 - Your growth may be slow at times or not evident, but God is never inactive!
 - Be patient in the process; yield to God through prayer, study, and obedience.

Important Note

The first mention of the Spirit of God is Him moving!

C. The Perfection – there will be a glorious end to God's work in you!

4. God's work in you will be **COMPLETED** when you see Him face to face!

- **Philippians 1:6** – ... will perform it **until the day of Jesus Christ:**
- **Philippians 1:10** – ... **til the day of Christ;**
- **Philippians 1:11** – ... which are **by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**
- **1 Thess 5:24** – Faithful is he that calleth you, **who also will do it.**
- **1 John 3:2** – ... **when he shall appear, we shall be like him...**
- You should not fear failure because God has guaranteed your future glory!

Personal Application

What do you need from God today? What must you trust Him for? Ask Him now.

Important Note

God is faithful to finish what He starts! Amen.

Important Note

Even when you feel weak or unworthy, trust God's work in your heart and life and yield to Him.

"... will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ"

Jesus Christ will never leave you or forsake you – He does not abandon His people. What He promised, He performs, and He will perfect – it is certain! Amen. Amen.