

Series: That We May Know Him

Text: Philippians 1:1-11

Main Idea: We grow in the grace that God begins and ends.

Title/Hook: To The Final Whistle

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Purpose: To encourage Christians that their salvation is the work of God, from beginning to end, and because of that we should pray and ask God to help us live out that salvation until Jesus returns.

FCF/COR: The testimony of every Christians is ultimately the same, God started it and He will finish it.

Christ Trajectory: Grace is from Christ (v. 2), the fruit of righteousness comes through Christ (v. 11), as we wait for the day of Christ (v. 6, 10).

Apologetic: They are real people and real documents that are historically reliable.

Call to Worship: Phil. 4:4

Benediction: Phil.4:19-20

Structure: Inductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): What is Paul's prayer for the Christians in Philippi?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): He thanks God for the good work He began and will finish in them and that they would grow in love, knowledge, and righteousness.

Exegetical Main Idea: Paul's prayer for the Christians in Philippi is thanksgiving for the good work God began and will finish in them, and that they would grow in love, knowledge, and righteousness.

Theological Main Idea: Praise be to God who begins and finishes the salvation that He empowers us to grow in.

Homiletical Main Idea: We grow in the grace that God begins and ends.

Outline:

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1. Their partnership in the gospel created Christlike affection for one another (vv. 1-5, 7-8)

Read vv. 3-5, 7-8 again

Read vv. 3-4, 7-8

2. Their participation in the gospel was started by God and will be finished by God (v. 6)

Acts 16:14 - ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

Read v. 6 again.

Quote – Steven Lawson – “From beginning to end, salvation is entirely a divine work of grace. If God has caused you to be born again, you can be assured that he will complete this work until "the day of Christ Jesus." As a believer in Christ, you are as certain of heaven as though you have already been there ten thousand years. God finishes what he starts.”

*Q. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?*

*A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.*

*He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.*

3. Their preparation for the return of Christ was prayed for and expected (vv. 9-11)

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