

THE BEGINNING OF THE END. Phil. 1:6

I. What is this good work begun in us?

1. The Salvation of the Soul
2. Moulding of Christ-like Personality
3. God's work in the midst of their Church and Community.

4. What is the nature of this Good Work?

A. It is Divine - (Phil. 2:13)

B. It is Gracious - (v. 2)

C. It is Progressive - gradual, but certain.

II. What Is the End of this Good Work?

1. The Ultimate Completion of God's will for the individual believer.

2. The accomplishment of God's Goal for His Glorious Church. (Eph. 5:27)

3. The fulfillment of God's Purpose in the Day of Jesus Christ. (v. 10)

A. when His suffering shall be rewarded

B. when His glory shall be revealed.

C. His kingship shall be recognized.

III. Our Confidence in God's Purpose

1. Based on God's Past faithfulness

- A. His character
- B. His Resources

2. Based on God's Present Working

3. Based on God's Promises for the future

4. Grounded Solely in Christ

- A. His atonement, Jn. 10:15
- B. His intercession, Jn. 17:24

IV. How Did this Confidence Affect Paul?

1. It Did not prevent his praying for these people

- A. They still needed his prayers
- B. This confidence gave fervency and gladness to his prayers.

2. It Did not keep him from exhorting them to use means for Xtn growth.

A. Prayer

B. Xtn fellowship

C. Xtn service

D. The Word of God

E. Human effort

(1). Obedience

(2). Resisting Temptation

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IV How did this Confidence Affect Paul?
 1. It did not prevent his working for these people
 A. He still needed his money
 B. The confidence gave him energy and
 C. He was able to his workers
 2. It did not keep him from expecting
 them to use means for the growth

A. Prayer
 B. The Word
 C. The Sacrament
 D. The Work of the Holy Spirit
 E. Human Effort
 F. His Resurrection

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