

# GOD'S GOOD WORK

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## Text: Philippians 1:1–6

*“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; 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:” (Philippians 1:1–6)*

## INTRODUCTION

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## 1. WE LOOK BACK WITH \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1–3)

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Work

*“After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.” (Acts 16:7–9, 12)*

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Work

#### THE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSWOMEN

*“And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. 14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of*



*Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. 15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.” (Acts 16:13–15)*

#### THE POSSESSED DAMSEL

*“And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.” (Acts 16:16–18)*

#### THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

*“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” (Acts 16:25–31)*

## 2. WE STAND TOGETHER IN \_\_\_\_\_

(v. 4–5)

A. In \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Perhaps the deepest Christian fellowship and joy we can experience in this life is at the throne of grace, praying with and for one another.” —**Warren Weirsbe**

B. In \_\_\_\_\_

Koinonia – “To have in common. | Deep fellowship, joint participation, communion, or a shared life.”

#### WE FELLOWSHIP....

1. In the Spirit – Philippians 2:1, 1 John 1:3
2. Through Suffering – Philippians 3:10
3. While Serving – Philippians 1:27
4. With Sacrificial Generosity – Philippians 4:15

C. With \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Joy for Paul (and the Biblical writers) was not an emotion or a mood or a feeling but an attitude.” —**Kent Hughes**

## 3. WE MOVE FORWARD IN EXPECTATION (v. 6)

A. Confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Work

#### “THE THREEFOLD GOOD WORK OF GOD”

The Work God Does For Us = Salvation (Ephesians 2:8)

The Work God Does in Us = Sanctification (Philippians 2:13)

The Work God Does Through Us = Service (Ephesians 2:10)

— Warren Wiersbe

B. Confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Work

*“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:24)*

**Quote:** “Do you know why we have such a wonderful future? I’ll tell you why: because we have had a very wonderful start. Jesus began it, and Jesus is gonna finish it.” — **Adrian Rodgers**

**Quote:** “God will not commence this and then abandon us. He will finish the work He has begun in us and will bring it to its intended goal, when we shall be like Him.” — **William Barclay**

**Quote:** “Where is there an instance of God’s beginning any work and leaving it incomplete? Show me for once a world abandoned and thrown aside half formed;” — **C.H. Spurgeon**

## CONCLUSION

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