

God Finishes What He Starts Notes

Philippians 1:1-6

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Main Point: God will complete His work in us as we partner with Him in His work.

Background

1. The name Philippians comes from a city named _____ in what is now Greece.
2. Because it's a letter, it's intended to be read in its _____.
3. The Apostle Paul was in a Roman _____ when he penned these words.
4. His thoughts are filled with _____ for the generosity and partnership of the Philippian believers.
5. God brought Paul to Phillippi in a very fascinating way by closing one door and opening another (Acts 16:9-10).
6. Paul and his team met a woman named _____, who was a successful businesswoman.
7. She was the first _____ to Christ in Europe and opened her home for ministry.
8. They met a young slave girl who was involved in _____-telling.
9. Paul recognized that she was in bondage to the devil, so he _____ an evil spirit out of her.
10. Paul and Silas were _____ and thrown in jail.
11. About midnight, while Paul and Silas were _____ hymns, an earthquake shook the prison and opened the doors.

Six Truths About Our Identity and Purpose

1. We are servants and _____ (vs 1a).
 - The word "servants" literally means "_____ " and refers to "one so bound to another that his will is altogether consumed in the will of the other."
 - If you are a believer, settle the fact that you are a servant of the _____.
 - The Bible teaches that every born-again Christian is a saint.
 - The word "saint" literally means "one who is set _____."
2. We are positioned at a place for His _____ (vs 1b).
 - You are in your neighborhood for a redemptive reason and your position at work or school is a platform for living on mission.
 - We are meant to _____ in tandem with the servant leaders called to lead the church.
 - The word "overseer" is another word for elder and refers to those "charged with exercising _____ care over God's church."
 - The term "deacon" means "those who _____ on tables as servants.
3. We have been granted _____ and peace (vs. 2).
 - Grace is God's _____ favor demonstrated when Jesus Christ died for us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8).

- Grace is receiving God's _____ when we deserve God's blast.
 - Peace is the result of the _____ that Jesus made between us and a holy God.
 - Peace primarily signifies wholeness by bringing together those who have been in _____.
4. We can have _____ because of Jesus (vs. 3-4).
- When you think of a fellow follower of Christ, give _____ to God for their uniqueness, for how grace and peace have impacted their lives.
 - Because he was so _____ on Jesus and wanted to know Him more and more, he was able to experience joy while in a dirty and depressing prison.
5. We are _____ in the gospel (vs. 5).
- When the Apostle hears of God's Word going forth with power, he breaks out into _____.
 - The word "partnership" is the word that is often translated "_____."
 - "Fellowship" conveys the idea of "purposeful _____."
6. We are all in _____.
- The phrase "I am sure" means to be "fully persuaded and completely _____ beyond all doubt."
 - God _____ His work in us – Justification.
 - God _____ His work in us – Sanctification – to be made progressively more holy, more conformed to the image of His Son.
 - God will _____ His work in us – Glorification.
 - Completion means "to finish or _____" and was used for putting the finishing touches on something.