

HIS GOOD WORK

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

6 "And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

The words: "He who began a good work" specifically refers to God initiating the process of spiritual transformation and salvation within a believer, signifying that God started the work of making someone more like Jesus and will continue to complete it until the end of their life.

Key points about this passage:

"He":

This refers to God the Father, emphasizing that the Good Work is entirely initiated by him.

"Good work":

Refers to the process of sanctification, which is the ongoing transformation of a believer's character to be more like Christ.

"Began":

This signifies that the work is not yet complete, but is actively happening in a person's life.

God Will Finish His Work in Us! Our God and Father who begins a work completes the work.

I am talking specifically about our salvation, and how when God draws us to Himself, through faith in Jesus, we are then sealed with the promised Holy Spirit to an awareness and consciousness of right over wrong, and righteousness over evil and sin, resulting in a God-centered life, over a self-centered, worldly-minded existence. Being transformed and conformed; to be forever changed, made more like Jesus, that we may have an eternal life with Jesus in the heavenly realms, having been Saved, Cleansed and by His Word and Good Work, raised from death to life.

God doesn't do all that to then just leave us alone. No. He has started a good work that He is going to carry to completion. So our justification before God, being made right before God through faith in Jesus leads to sanctification from God, meaning He has begun a process in each of our lives as His sons and daughters, for all who've trusted in Jesus. He's begun a process of making us look more and more and more like Jesus.

SANCTIFICATION

In the Bible, sanctification is the process of being set apart for God's use and made holy. It's a lifelong process that begins at salvation.

What does sanctification mean? To make something holy or sacred, To set apart for a special purpose, To cleanse or wash, and To consecrate.

How does sanctification happen?

- God transforms a person's heart, mind, and body
- God cleanses a person of sin
- God replaces a person's "sinful" label with a "righteous" one
- God empowers a person to live a holy life

What does sanctification involve?

- A change of heart and a desire to love God and others
- Seeing the world from an honest perspective
- Embracing the truth about life, one's self, and others
- A change in the body, healing, and perfecting what it means to be human

Bible verses related to sanctification:

- 2 Timothy 2:21
- John 17:17
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3
- 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Romans 6:19-22
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- 2 Corinthians 7:1
- Hebrews 12:14

God, The Father, is conforming us into the (spiritual) image of Jesus. And one day He's going to bring it to completion; At the day of Jesus Christ. We don't know when that day is; but He does, and so His Good Work continues in us.

So how does that change the way you live today? Hopefully it is a reminder that God didn't *just start* work in your life from however long ago you came to faith in Jesus; And He's not just going to work in your life in the future one day when He brings you to Heaven. God is at work in your life in the present! Even at this very moment!

Today, God is at work. He started that work, a long time ago. Actually before you were even born, before the foundation of the world, (EPHESIANS 1:3-5 (6-14) (NLT))
And He's still continuing that work today.

Read: Psalm 139:1-18...

...And with that reading, hearing, understanding, belief and Trust in God and His Good Work, it instills meaning and purpose, excitement, exhilaration and anticipation into our lives today. What is God going to do today to draw me, and make me more into the likeness of Jesus?

What work does He have for my life today?

"Father God, do it!" Father, this work that You have begun in our lives as followers of Jesus, we pray that You would carry it on today. Whatever You desire to do in our lives and with our lives to make us become more like Jesus, please do it today.

Psalm 23:6 (NKJV)

6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."

6 (NLT) "Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
All the days of my life,
And I will live in the house of the LORD Forever."