



# GOD FINISHES What He Starts

Philippians 1:6

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## Review from Last Week's Message

- We are Servants (bound together) with each other and Christ.
- We are Saints ("declared righteous") with each other before Christ.
- We have been given God's saving grace.
- We have been given everlasting peace.
- We have been offered a Paul-like joy.
- We are called to this place called Reno, NV.
- We are called as partners together with each other.
- We are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- God will use everything in our lives to help spread the 'good news' about Him.
- This Paul-like Joy is realized when we come together for God's work.

## Study Section – Philipians 1:6

**Philippians 1:6, NASB** -<sup>6</sup> For I [Paul] am confident [lit., since I am confident] of this very thing, that He [lit., The He or The One—and no other agency] who began [Gk: ἐνάρχομαι, (en-air-cho-my) gives us our Eng. word "inaugurate"] a good work in you will perfect [lit., continue—keep going until it's finished. "This 'work' is a decisive, deliberate, planned and executed to perfection work." -ATR] it until the day of Christ Jesus [returns to Earth].

## Message Section

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**Philippians 1:6, NIV** -<sup>6</sup> *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 1:6, NLT** -<sup>6</sup> *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

**Philippians 1:6, TLB** -<sup>6</sup> *And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.*

**Philippians 1:6, MSG** -<sup>6</sup> *There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.*

### 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Work.

**Philippians 1:6, NLT** -<sup>6</sup> *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you...*

### 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Work.

**Philippians 1:6, NLT** -<sup>6</sup> *...will continue his work...*

### 3. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Work.

**Philippians 1:6, NLT** -<sup>6</sup> *...until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

## Life Application Section



## God is at work in you right now.

**PS: God finishes what He starts.**

**Question to Ponder:** *What is God doing in you right now?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition of Joy:** "Biblical Joy, accompanied with God's calming presence, is the ability to see spiritual truths and eternal realities in the midst of any situation."

**Faith affirms:** "Without 'this,' I would not be ready for the day of Christ Jesus!"

**What robs us of biblical joy?** Circumstances, People, Things, and Worry.