

The Work of God _ You Are!

Philippians 1:3–6 (NASB 1995)

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Introduction: Is God Really at Work?

Who is the work of God? You are. (Let me ask again: Who is the work of God? Say, I am).

Let me begin with a simple but deeply personal question: **Is God really at work in your life right now?** Not just in a general, theological sense. Not just in other people’s lives. But in your life—in your waiting, in your struggles, in your unanswered prayers, and in your ordinary, daily routine.

Because if we are honest, there are moments when it doesn’t feel like He is. There are seasons when life feels: random, confusing, even silent.

And we begin to wonder: “Is anything meaningful happening at all?” Into that uncertainty, the Apostle Paul speaks with remarkable clarity and confidence: *“I am confident of this very thing...”* Paul is not guessing. He is not hoping for the best. **He is certain.** *“... that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus”* (v. 6).

Let me ask. **In whom did God begin a good work?** In You. Let everyone say it— *In Me!* Amen.

This is one of the most stabilizing truths in all of Scripture: **God is at work in your life. He planned that work. God started that work. And He will finish that work.** Your life is not accidental. Your story is not unfinished chaos. You are **the work of God.**

Today, we are going to trace that work across three stages:

1. **God’s work before you**
2. **God’s work within you**
3. **God’s work through you—and until the end**

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1. **God’s Work Before You** (*Before you ever took your first breath*)

Before you made a single decision... before anyone knew your name... before your life unfolded in time—**God was already at work concerning you.**

In Psalm 139, David writes: “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:13-14). This is not poetic exaggeration—it is divine truth.

You are not: a coincidence, a biological accident, or a random product of chance. You are **intentionally formed by God. Illustration: The Wonder Behind Design.** Today, scientists study DNA—its structure, its folding, and its astonishing complexity. Every human body is formed through intricate patterns that no human fully understands.

And yet, Scripture tells us: Before science observed it, **God designed it.** Before we studied life, **God authored it.** Every cell in your body bears witness to a Creator. Every bone and flesh in your body declares “Glory!” to their Creator!

And David goes even further: “Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.” (Psalm 139:16)

Think about that. Before Day 1 of your life—God already knew: every day, every season, and every turning point of your life. Nothing in your life has ever caught God off guard.

Not Fatalism—But Assurance

Now, this truth must be understood carefully. When Scripture says your days are “ordained,” it does not mean you are a robot or your choices don’t matter. God has given you free will to choose. Your free will plays a big role in your life. It means something far more comforting: **God has the foreknowledge of your life. Your life is not out of God’s control.** Even when: things don’t make sense, doors close, or plans fall apart, God is still sovereign. As God says in Jeremiah: “Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him?” (Jeremiah 23:24). You cannot escape His sight. But more importantly—**you cannot fall out of His care.**

So, what does this mean for you? It means: You are not here by accident. Your life has meaning and purpose. Your story is known by God. Even if you feel overlooked by people—you are **fully seen by God.** Before your life began, **God had already begun His work concerning you.**

2. God’s Work Within You (From salvation to daily transformation)

If God’s work begins before us, it becomes most visible **within us.** And here, the Bible gives us a sobering but necessary truth.

Our Condition Without Christ

In Romans 5:10, Paul says: “*While we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son.*” That means we were not neutral toward God. We were not spiritually alive. We were not seeking Him.

We were **separated from Him**. We went our own ways. Scripture even describes us as **spiritually dead**. Now that sounds strong—but think about it: A person can be: physically alive, mentally active, and socially engaged... and yet spiritually disconnected from God. No communication with God. That condition, the Bible calls, dead: “*you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins*” (Ephesians 2:1).

That is how God sees the human condition apart from Christ.

The Miracle of Salvation

But here is where God’s work becomes personal. When you confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior: Your sins are forgiven. You are reconciled to God. The Holy Spirit gives life to your spirit (John 6:63).

You move from: death → life. Enemy → child. Separation → relationship. And at that moment—**God begins His work within you through His Spirit.**

God Works All Things for Good

Romans 8:28 says: “*God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*” Not just the good things. Not just the understandable things. **All things. Good and bad.** That includes: your successes, your failures, your joys, and your disappointments. Even the things you wish had never happened—God is able to weave them into His purpose.

Illustration: A Tapestry

Think of a tapestry. If you look at the back side, it looks chaotic: threads crossing, knots everywhere, and no clear pattern. But when you turn it over, you see: beauty, design, and intention. Right now, you may be looking at the back side of your life. But God sees the finished work.

God Is Faithful

Paul writes in 2 Timothy: “*I know whom I have believed... He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him*” (2 Timothy 1:12). Notice here—Paul does not say: “I know what I have believed.” He says: “I know **whom** I have believed.”

Our confidence is not in: our strength, our consistency, or our understanding. Our confidence is in **God's faithfulness**. His faithfulness is fully revealed in His everlasting presence.

God Is Present in Trials

Isaiah 43:2 says, “*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched...*” God does not promise: a trouble-free life or an easy path. He promises something better: **His presence. Immanuel**. That means, you are never alone in: your suffering, your confusion, or your waiting. He is forever with you. The same God also provides our needs.

God Provides

Philippians 4:19 says, “*My God will supply all your needs...*” Not all your wants. But all your **needs**. And not barely—but “*according to His riches in glory.*” God is not limited. God is not struggling. He is not poor. He is rich. He owns the entire universe. He provides from abundance.

So, in this “in-between” life, what can you count on? You can count on this: God is working in you. He is shaping you. He is sustaining you even when you don't feel it—**God is not inactive**.

The last point is this—

3. God's Work Through You—and Until the End (*In the Church and toward eternity*)

Notice here that God's work is not only personal—it is also **corporate**. Paul says: “*He who began a good work in you...*” That “you” is plural. God is working in individuals, through His people, and in the Church.

The Imperfect Church

Let's be honest: The Church is not perfect. It has weaknesses, conflicts, and failures. And sometimes people say: “If the Church were really God's work, it would be perfect.” Scripture tells us: It is not perfect yet—because God is not finished yet. But it will be.

The Church as the Bride of Christ

In the Scripture, the Church is described as: the **body of Christ** or the **bride of Christ**. And what is God doing with His Church? He is: refining, cleansing, and preparing the Church for the day of Christ Jesus.

The Final Completion

Revelation gives us a glimpse on the final product of God's Work on the Church. In that day, the Church will be ready, pure and blameless, as Christ's bride (Revelation 19:7, 21:9) and God "*will dwell among them... He will wipe away every tear... There will no longer be any death...*" (Revelation 21:4). This is where everything is heading. Not partial progress. Not temporary relief, but... **complete restoration, perfect joy, and eternal life with God.**

Conclusion: Three Anchors for Your Life

Let me leave you with three truths to hold onto.

1. You are part of God's plan. You are not an accident. Your life is: designed, known, and purposed by God.

2. Your life matters to God. One day, we will stand before Him. For us believers: **there will be** no condemnation but evaluation and reward. Paul says: "*There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness...*" (2 Timothy 4:8). Not only to him, but also to all who have loved Christ's appearing. Your faithfulness matters. Sow faithfully. Reap Eternally.

3. God will finish what He started

This is the heart of the message. You may feel: unfinished, inconsistent, or discouraged. But your hope is not in your performance. Your hope is in **God's promise.** He is fully committed to His work in you till the end. "*He who began a good work in you will perfect it...*" Not might. Not maybe. **Will.**

Final Pastoral Call

So, don't lose heart. Don't give up on yourself. Don't rush ahead of God. Don't doubt His work. Because even now—In your waiting... In your struggles... In your quiet, unseen moments... **God is working.** And one day—You will see clearly what you can only trust now: **He finished what He started.**

Amen.