

WILL GOD GIVE UP ON US?

Philippians 1.6

WHAT WORK IS GOD GOING TO COMPLETE?

Philippians 1.3-11

Paul cites his thoughts of their past 10 years of consistent growth, their partnership, and their growing in love and purity. In short, he is saying that God will continue and finish the work of salvation.

Born Again/Regeneration: We may say “saved” or “became a Christian,” but this is an action that is something that God Himself does. Lydia, the first convert in Philippi (and Europe!) was someone who had some kind of working knowledge of God, but it was God who had to open her heart and save her.

Sanctification: As born again believers, we are like little children in a new life. We grow up, mature, turn away from sin, and towards godliness. This lifelong process of growth and change is called sanctification, which means “setting apart.”

**If it is God’s power that saved you,
then it will be His power to keep you and preserve you.**

Remember, however, that this is not just a promise for the individual, but it is written to the whole church! Jesus is the Good Shepherd of the whole flock!

WHY IS PAUL SURE, AND WHY DOES HE TELL THEM?

John 6.37, 10.25-30, 17.6-12

Jesus Himself testified of His task and ability to complete the mission given to Him. If He has the power to save, but not the power to keep, He is not simply a bad savior, but He is *not* a savior!

If God is with you, hell cannot stand against you. You are more than a conqueror *though Him who has the strength to keep you*. If we don’t believe this, we will be tossed to and fro by everything, because we will be doubt-filled.

FUTURE HOPE

1 Peter 1.3-7 // 2 Peter 1.10 // Hebrews 12.1, 2

A question for us: can we have this assurance, and if so, how? If you are weak or feeling lost and crushed, we run to the truth of the Gospel. One thing that is most important for these times is to stay close to the sheep if you want to be near the Good Shepherd.

Don’t forsake the assembly of the flock of God. The Good Shepherd is among the sheep, giving daily grace for your daily preservation and perseverance.



NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You’ll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who is able to recite the memory verse?

Read **Philippians 1:6**. What impacted you from Sunday's message?

What work is going to be completed? _____

Read **John 10:25-30** and **John 17:6-12**. Why is Paul so sure of what he tells the Philippians? _____

Jesus Himself testified of His task and ability to complete the mission given to Him. If it is not Jesus who saves you and keeps you to the end, then *you* become the savior if it is up to you. Can you think of ways in which you try to become your own savior and complete the work that Christ started in you? _____

Read **Hebrews 12:1-2**. How can we live with the assurance that Christ will complete our salvation and sanctification? _____

Pastor Jobey mentioned the importance of being surrounded by a Gospel community as a way to strengthen, encourage, and fortify our assurance. We can't run this race alone. We need Christ, and we need people in our lives who can help us persevere in our faith. What are some specific ways you have seen both your staying near the body help you strengthen your faith, and times when wandering from the body led to you become more distant from your confidence in Christ? _____

When Jesus came to this rescue mission, failure was not only not an option, but it was impossible. Our God is greater and stronger than all, and there is no failure. If He purchased you and saved you, He will keep you and protect you, even from your own self-sabotage. Read **1 Peter 1.3-7**. What words and phrases build your confidence not in yourself, but in Him who saves and keeps? _____

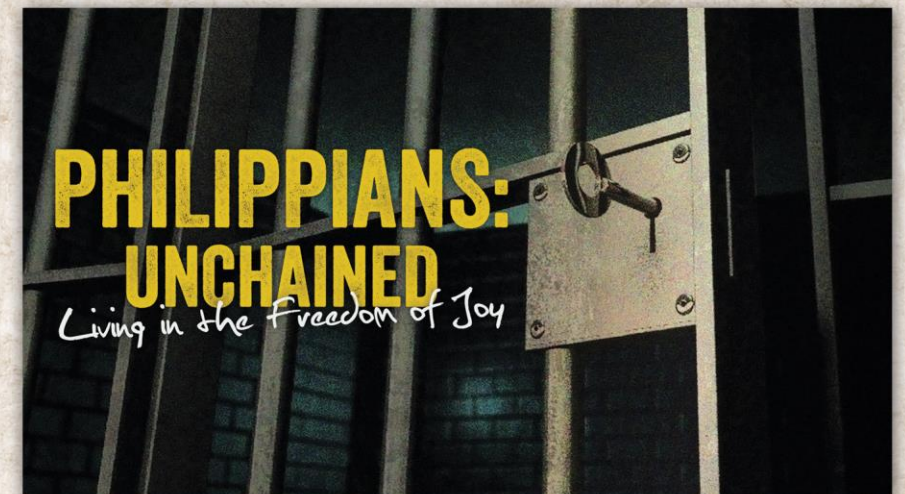
Knowing the truth that Christ is going to finish what He started, pray as a group thanking Him that we don't have to rely on ourselves to do complete our salvation and sanctification.



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**Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,
Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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