

## Philippians 1:6

### God at Work

*His work ...*

#### I. Paul's Surprising Confidence

- A. God's Work
- B. Begun
- C. Completed

#### II. The Day of X

- A. Certainty
- B. Intensity
- C. Finality

#### III. God's Surpassing Power

- A. To His Glory
- B. In Our Midst
- C. Toward The Day

*... beginning to end.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Is anyone able to save themselves from sin?
2. What does God do to provide salvation for us?
3. If God saves someone, does He promise to keep them forever?
4. If someone doesn't live for Jesus, even if they say they believe, is that okay with God?
5. What does Paul mean by "The Day of Jesus Christ?"

## Grounds for Assurance

If we have any grounds for assurance that we are saved and that we will actually appear before God with joy one day, it certainly does not rest on our abilities. If it were left up to us we would never be saved to begin with. If we were saved by God and then left to ourselves, we would surely fall away from the faith, and rather quickly. But believers can have true assurance based on what God has done and what He has promised to do through providing salvation through Christ. The apostle Paul had such confidence for his own salvation but also for that of the saints at Philippi. *But on what grounds?* On the fact that God began the work of salvation by regenerating souls through the resurrection power of the Gospel, and the certainty that He who initiated the work of redemption has bound Himself to bring it to full perfection. Our God is not fickle and He never fails. Make no mistake, this does not mean believers can be lax in the pursuit of the Christian life. On the contrary, in this same letter Paul exhorts believers to "work out" their "own salvation with fear and trembling," (2:12b). But it does mean that we can rest assured that our striving is not in vain; for the Lord, who worked salvation for us, is at work in us, He will always be with us, until He receives us to Himself, and then perfects us in preparation for eternity.