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GOD'S GOOD WORK IN YOU
Philippians 1:6

Introduction:

- Where we flub up many times, God never flubs up
- Philippians 1:6 tells us about what God has done, is doing, and will do in the lives of believers in Christ.

Began – When the Lord s_____ you

- Who began this work? - G_____
- What was this work? - S_____
- When was this work begun? – When you first t_____ Christ
- Why did God begin this work? - G_____ (Eph 2:8,9)
- Where did God begin this work? – in our s_____
 1. Your spirit was d_____ (Eph 2:1)
 2. He made your spirit a_____ (Rom 8:10; I Cor 6:17)

Continues – As the Lord s_____ you

- Although sin's penalty is taken care of, sin's power is still a problem
 1. All of us s_____ from time to time
 2. God works in us the p_____ to overcome sin
- God's continued work is in our s_____ (often pictured in the Bible as our mind, will, and emotions – see Matt 26:38)
 1. God always provides a way to e_____ temptation's power (I Cor 10:13)
 2. When we sin, God works to bring us back out of that sin through d_____ until we repent (I Cor 11:32; Rev 3:19)
 3. God provides the resources to r_____ our minds (Rom 12:2; Eph 4:23)
 - a. P_____ (Matt 26:41)
 - b. God's w_____ (Matt 4:4)
 - c. F_____ of other Christians (Jn 13:34)

Ends – When the Lord c_____ for you

- The starting point of God's work was in your s_____. He continues to work in your s_____. His final work has to do with your b_____.
 1. Jesus rose from the dead to defeat sin c_____
 2. When Jesus returns He will remove all the effects of sin in our bodies by r_____ us from the dead (I Cor 15:50-55)

Conclusion:

- 1Thess 5:23,24 promises God's finished work in body, soul, & spirit.
- Thank God for what He's done (saved you); cooperate with God in what He is doing (shaping you); look forward to what He will do (reverse death).