

Sermon Notes

1. **God began a good work in you at _____ (6).**

2. **God will complete that good work through your _____ (7-11).**

As God works in us we should:

- a. Increase in _____ (9)

- b. Improve in _____ (10)

Journey Group Questions

1. Read Philippians 1:1-6. Churches are designed to be God's delivery system for the gospel. They are designed to declare and demonstrate the good news concerning salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Beginning with the Apostle Paul's ministry recorded in Acts 16, the Church at Philippi consistently fulfilled this calling.
 - a. What specific ways do churches, including Cornerstone, fulfill this calling to declare and demonstrate the gospel?

 - b. What eventually happens to churches that do not persevere in this gospel-centered mission? Why?

2. Read Philippians 1:7-11. The power of the gospel is the continuing means of transformation in churches. At the moment of salvation, God begins working in the life of each believer to transform us into people who are characterized by love and righteousness. This process of growing in Christian maturity is called sanctification.
 - a. Sanctification is often misunderstood. One of the ways it is misunderstood is to think of sanctification as something believers have to accomplish on our own. In light of the gospel, however, we understand that sanctification is also by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. How does the understanding that sanctification is also the work of God transform how we view and approach this process of growing in righteousness?

 - b. Read Romans 12:1-2. These verses describe how we cooperate with God in this work of sanctification. Describe the steps outlined in these verses and how we accomplish these on a daily basis.

3. Are you cooperating fully with God's intended purpose of completing His sanctifying work in you? If not, what is hindering your sanctification? What must you do this week to cooperate more fully with God's sanctifying work in your life?