

The Happiest Man in Rome? ~ Philippians 1:1-6

→ Scripture Reading Phil. 1:3-6

INTRODUCTION

→ MAP

Acts 16:30-31 (NIV) He then brought them out and asked, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

³¹ They replied, Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...

Overwhelmed with JOY ~ Philippians 1:1-6

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your PARTNERSHIP in the gospel from the first day until now

Philip. 4:15 (NET) ...you Philippians know, at the beginning of my gospel ministry, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in this matter of giving and receiving except you alone.

⁶ being confident of this, that He who began a good work IN YOU will Carry IT ON to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:3 ...After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

IMPLICATION

¹ Paul and Timothy, **Slaves** of Christ Jesus... (HCS)

¹ Paul and Timothy, **Bond-Servants** of Christ Jesus... (NAS)

I would like to buy about three dollars worth of gospel, please.

Not too much - just enough to make me happy, but not so much that I get addicted.

I don't want so much gospel that I learn to really hate covetousness and lust.

I certainly don't want so much that I start to love my enemies, cherish self-denial, and contemplate missionary service in some alien culture.

I want pleasure, not repentance; I want transcendence, not transformation.

I would like to be cherished by some nice, forgiving, broad-minded people, but I myself don't want to love those who are really different from me - especially if they smell.

I would like enough gospel to make my family secure and my children well behaved, but not so much that I find my ambitions redirected or my giving too greatly enlarged.

I would like about three dollars worth of the gospel, please. DA Carson

IMPLICATION

³ Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. ⁴ Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, ⁵ for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. (NLT)

WHEN I think of you - I Give THANKS for you

ALL my prayers for you - are Full of JOY

You are my PARTNERS in the ministry

Philippians 4:15-16 (NLT) As you know, you Philippians were the ONLY ONES who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. ¹⁶ Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

IMPLICATION

⁶ And I am certain that God, who BEGAN the good work WITHIN you, will CONTINUE His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)

Romans 5:1 (NIV) ...since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Justification- declared righteous

Romans 8:1 (NIV) ...there is now NO condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus...

⁶...God, who BEGAN the good work WITHIN you.....will CONTINUE His work until it is finally finished

Sanctification- ongoing work of the Holy Spirit shaping and making us like Jesus

Hebrews 10:12-14 (NIV) But when this priest had offered for all time ONE sacrifice for sins, He SAT DOWN at the right hand of God. ¹³ Since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool, ¹⁴ because by ONE sacrifice He HAS MADE perfect forever those who are BEING made holy.

⁶ ...God, who BEGAN the good work WITHIN you, will CONTINUE His work until it is finally finished on the day WHEN Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)

1 John 3:2 (NIV) ...what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when HE appears, we shall be LIKE HIM, for we shall SEE HIM as He is.

→God NEVER gives up on us

→Go with HUMILITY and Gentleness

Don't look for or demand perfection from others. Look for evidence of God's Grace in people's lives. Be quick to thank God for Christian virtues in others, and remember that sanctification is a slow process. CCE

TAKE AWAY ??

It is NOT our job to Sanctify ourselves -

⁶ ...Confident of this, that He who began a good work IN You will Carry IT ON to Completion...

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (JBP) ...He who calls you is utterly FAITHFUL and He Will FINISH what He has set out to do.