

**ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE STRUGGLE:  
GOD WILL COMPLETE HIS GOOD WORK OF GRACE IN YOU  
Philippians 1:3-8**

- I. **PAUL ENCOURAGES THE PHILIPPIANS BY REVEALING HIS CONTINUAL THANKFULNESS FOR GOD'S WORK IN THEM** because they were *sharers in the gospel work (3-5)*
  - A. **Memories** of the Philippians **bring thankful prayer with joy (3-4)**
  
  - B. **Why is Paul joyfully praying?** They are sharers with in the Gospel (5)
    - 1. From the beginning
  
    - 2. Until now
  
- II. **PAUL ENCOURAGES THE PHILIPPIANS BY REVEALING HIS ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE THAT GOD WILL COMPLETE THE GOOD WORK HE BEGAN IN THEM** because they are *sharers in the grace of God (6-8)*
  - A. **Paul is confident** that **God who began the good work will finish it (6)**
    - 1. God began the good work (6a)
  
    - 2. God will complete (6b)
  
  - B. **Why the confidence?** It is only right to for Paul to feel this way (7-8)
    - 1. Because they are co-sharers of the grace of God (7)
  
    - 2. Evidenced by a godly affection for them (8)