Pressing Onward

A Study in Philippians

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**[Pressing Onward: Finding Rest in God’s Good Work]**

**Philippians 1: 3-6**

*Introduction*

The Bible paints for us a beautiful picture of God - we see his love, faithfulness, and commitment to us *through* what he has done in our lives, what he is currently doing in our lives, and what he will do in our lives.

We Press Onward toward Christ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is faithful to Press us Onward.

God’s faithfulness to us is our motivator and the engine that enables us to press onward.

*Verses 3-5*

There is a special and unique bond that our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ brings us.

Despite Paul’s outward circumstances he still finds joy and contentment when he thinks of and prays for his faith family.

Although Paul must effort and work on his own to love like this, he is not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here. Rather, it is the good work of God (salvation) that produces this selfless love in Paul.

*Verse 6*

The foundation of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and development is done only by the good work of God in our lives.

If you are a Christian then you can trust with confidence that God will keep you, never leave you, and he is committed to making you like him. If you *are* his then you are *always* his.

God is the source, origin, and generator of our salvation. He is the beginning and the end - the author and perfecter of our faith.

Just as our salvation is from God, so too is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (our pressing onward).

We will get there because God is committed to getting us there.

The good work of God in our lives begins with our salvation and ends with us being full and complete in Christ. Between those two points is we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ toward that completion in Christ.

Philippians 1:6 is both a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to us.

Grace: No matter what we go through - the joys, the good, the bad, the difficult, the beautiful in life - all of it has a purpose to make us complete in Christ Jesus.

Warning: Are you living a life that looks forward to the “day of Christ Jesus?”

Has God begun a good work in you?

Are your trusting today, in this moment, in Jesus blood and righteousness, rather than your own achievements?

*Blanks: God; union; hero; spiritual development; sanctification; press onward; grace & warning*