

Lesson 10

Promise: God Will Complete His Work in You

<Main Theme>

Do you ever feel discouraged at how far you are from having the character of Christ? God's Word gives us tremendous words of hope in the promise of Philippians 1:6. God began a good work in every Christian and He will finish it. He is conforming His children to the image of His Son. This is not dependent on our self-effort, but is the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is Good News.

In the last lesson, we saw Peter's failure to stand with Jesus when he denied Him three times. Also, we saw Jesus' forgiveness and faithfulness to Peter. From Acts 3:1-4:22, we see a different Peter – the Peter after the Holy Spirit descended upon him and filled him at Pentecost. This was part of God's completing work in Peter. The Holy Spirit transformed him from a weak, fearful, disloyal disciple to a strong, bold, loyal defender of the faith.

Satan wanted to separate Peter from Jesus, but He had prayed for him. And God answered, sending the Holy Spirit to empower Peter and the other disciples and all believers. This is the same Holy Spirit who dwells in the soul of every Christian. God's promise stands true for you. He will complete His work in you. He will transform you into the image of His Son.

<Main Idea>

- God promises to complete His work in the lives of His children to make them more like Jesus.
- God will not give up on His children or forsake them.

<Main Verse>

- Philippians 1:6, Acts 3:1-4:22, Acts 4:8-12, 19-20, Luke 22:32, 1 John 3:22, and Luke 22:31-32

<Memory Verse>

"...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
(Philippians 1:6)

<Key thought>

When God saves a person, He keeps working in them to make them more like Jesus.

<The Keywords that need to share>

1) The Good Work Begun

: What "good work" is Paul talking about? How does God do His saving work?
Salvation begins with faith in Jesus.

What does a person have to believe to be saved? What does "believe" mean?

2) Satan's Sifting

: What does "sift you like wheat" mean? This means to do something to cause the disciples to turn away from God, to destroy the disciples' faith.

3) God's Faithfulness

: What does it mean to be more like Jesus?

What was Jesus like? What weaknesses and sin is there in your life? Where is your faith weak?

* Please read the Main idea first and read the main theme and the main verses. Then, share the keywords that need to share. Then, read and try to understand this week's Memory Verse.