Subject: Being Confident of this very thing Posted by sparkles on Tue, 02 Jun 2009 02:35:26 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

We have quoted that verse hundreds of times, if not thousands by now, but I would like to also quote the verses before this.

Phil 1:1-5 "Paul, and Timotheus the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;"

Paul had a great love for the brethren and a confidence that if God had promised something, He was able to fulfil the promise. That is why Paul could write and tell the people he fellowshipped in the gospel with that God would complete that which He had started.

Think about what a tremendous promise God gave us that He will finish the work He started! Obviously we have our responsibilities in all this, such as to walk in the light we have, walk in obedience to the word, pray, study and have wonderful fellowship with our Lord.

Later in the chapter Paul talks about how the things that have happened to him(prison and persecution) was for a purpose, the furtherance of the gospel, so people would hear of Jesus Christ. Some of the brethren became more confident by Pauls imprisonment and faith and they became more bold to speak the word of God without fear.

So for us today, that whatever the Lord allows us to go through it is for a purpose. Only the Lord knows what is ahead for each of us, and only the Lord knows what we need to go through so we'll be ready for the next trial, and the next, and to be prepared for what is in store for the christian. We have many great and precious promises and one is: Heb. 13:5-6 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

And another: John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Fear is being talked about by the unbelieving world like I haven't heard in my lifetime, and there are things happening at such a fast pace, but rest assured God knows when a grain of sand moves, and calls the stars by name, so He is able to keep us and guide us in the days ahead.

Sure would enjoy having some who read these posting share with us what God has done and is doing in your lives. I personally would be blessed and encouraged if others would jump in and share and glorify God.

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