



Week of Monday, October 20, 2025

Philippians 1:3-6

3 I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, **4** always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

HOPE Journaling

H – Highlight what stands out to you

O – Observe what it teaches

P – Practice this in your life

E – Express this in your prayers

This year as we approach the **Big Give**, It's a moment to look back with gratitude, to remember how God has used our gifts to help advance the gospel in remarkable ways. We've seen churches we've supported grow stronger in their witness. We've seen missionaries remain steadfast and encouraged in difficult places. We've watched new ministries blossom, reaching people we might never meet this side of heaven. Each story we hear is a living testimony of God's faithfulness.

The Big Give also points us forward to the new opportunities God will provide to partner in His mission. We don't yet see all that He will do, but we know He is already preparing hearts, places, and people for the work ahead.

That's why Philippians 1:6 brings such comfort and confidence:

“I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Paul's assurance wasn't based on the Philippians' generosity or on his own efforts, it was rooted in the unchanging power of God. The same is true for us. The progress of the gospel doesn't depend solely on our giving or the abilities of those we support. It depends on the God who started the work, the God who sustains it, and the God who will bring it to completion.

That means when we give, we're not just contributing to a project, we're participating in something eternal. We're joining hands with believers across the world in the great mission of God. And that should fill us with joy and hope, knowing that every dollar, every prayer, and every act of obedience is being used by God to accomplish His good purpose.

May our hearts echo Paul's words: “I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you.” Because truly, we are partners in grace, partners in mission, and partners in the ongoing work of the gospel, until the day of Christ Jesus.

-Devotional written by Eric Foster

Read Also:

Philippians 1

Philippians 4:15–19

Acts 13:2–3

Romans 10:14–15

1 Corinthians 3:6–9

2 Corinthians 8:1–5

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Psalm 67:1–7

Group Discussion Questions

How does understanding generosity as a *grace from God* change the way you think about giving?

Can you share a time when God used your giving (or someone else's) to encourage your faith?

Why is it important for the local church to be involved in sending and supporting missionaries?

What do you think God might be calling you personally to do to help advance the gospel?

What comfort do you find in knowing that God brings the growth in ministry, not us? How should this truth shape our attitude when results seem slow or unseen?

Why is it important to see our resources as tools for mission, not just personal comfort? What's one way we can make God's name known "among all nations" starting right where we are?