

# My Kingdom vs. Thy Kingdom

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# Confident in God

Philippians 1:6

**“...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.”**

**Philippians 1:6 NIV**

**God has initiated a good, personal,  
and persistent work in us.**

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# “From” and “To”

**From Heaven to Earth (Matthew 6)**

**From Heaven to Our Inner Being (Ephesians 3)**

**From Paul & Timothy to the Saints in Philippi (Philippians 1:1)**

**From God to Us (Philippians 1:6)**

**“From Paul and Timothy, servants (slaves) of Christ Jesus — To all the Saints (God’s people in Union with Christ) in Philippi...”**

**Philippians 1:1 GNT**

# 3 Observations to Increase Our Confidence:

- 1. God's good work is not dependent upon perfect people or a perfect community with perfect situations.**
- 2. Our confidence is based upon God, His gospel, and His grace.**
- 3. Paul's confidence was more than confidence (persuasion, belief, surrender).**

**Our confidence in God should lead to  
growth and maturity.**

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- **Don't think American history slaves.**
- **In NT terms, every Christian is a slave of Jesus, beginning with the leadership.**
- **A slave is a person who surrenders themselves to the will of another.**

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- **Our ability to be and do what God has called us to is related to voluntarily living as bond slaves. (Hampton Keathley)**
- **Slaves OF Christ, not sin or self. (Romans 3-6, Galatians)**

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- **Slaves had no will, life, or purpose of their own.**
- **A different Greek word is used when referring to someone taken as a prisoner and sold into slavery.**

**The yielded will is the empowered  
position.**

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- **As a slave of Jesus, Jesus is:**
  - **responsible for the slave's needs.**
  - **responsible for the slave's duties.**
  - **responsible for the slave's supplies.**

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- **The phrase “all the saints” removes man made lines of distinction, caste, class, or rank.**
- **A saint is one who is “holy, set apart, and consecrated” for a purpose, from the world, sin, corrupt flesh, and the devil.**

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- **A saint is devoted to the service of Jesus.**
- **In NT terms, every Christian is a saint.**
- **W.E. Vine describes saint as “godlikeness”.**
- **Our “saintliness” is based upon our position IN Christ.**

**The “you” addressed in Philippians 1:6 is a slave (who we are) and a saint (how we live our who).**

# Ways to Apply This Message:

- 1. Confidently (and with a smile) declare the truth of who you are.**
- 2. Identify your “from” sources and make sure they are healthy.**
- 3. Move towards a yielded heart and desire.**
- 4. Repent of “unsaintly” mindsets and lies.**
- 5. Imagine what a saint’s heart and lifestyle looks like and then go be that and do that in the grace of God.**