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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Phil. 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 Christ Jesus. (NIV)*

It is a tragic thing when many people believe that they must do as many good works as possible to appease the LORD and somehow attain His forgiveness. Let me tell you this: you and I have nothing to do with the work of salvation! We cannot earn it. We cannot buy it. We don't deserve it nor does anyone else. Paul's reminder to the church and to each one of us is this: this is a work of God alone. He sent His Son. He paid the price. He died a terrible death. He was sacrificed. He was and is the Lamb that was slain. He conquered death and rose victoriously from the grave. He and He alone is the only One Who could do this work because He alone is sinless and pure and righteous and holy.

Now this good work of salvation and sanctification is already complete in Heaven. The work of sanctification here on earth continues on as we abide in Him and allow Him to mold us and shape us more and more into the likeness of His Son. We should look more and more like Jesus every day. We should live more and more like Him. Our testimony should be seen even more than heard. **John 13:34-35** *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

Dear LORD, thank You that You are doing a good work in us today. Help us not to get in the way with our own selfish desires. Instead, help us to abide completely in You. In Jesus Name, Amen