

**Kailua Christian Church**  
**New Year's Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
**Sermon: "A Promise for the New Year"**  
**Scripture: Psalm 46**  
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Psalm 46 NIV

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.  
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."  
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**SERMON**

"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."

A Christian is a person in whom God Himself has begun a "good work."  
That work is absolutely guaranteed to turn out successfully, because it is God's work not a work of man.

**I. The Author of the Work**

"Being confident of this, that **HE** who began a good work in you...." (Acts 14:27; I Tim. 1:12-14, 15-16; Acts 9:3; Acts 16:6-7)

**II. The Nature of the Work**

"...he who began a good work **IN** you..."  
(Ephesians 2:4; I Cor. 5:17; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Heb. 12:5-8,10-11)

### **III. The Purpose of the Work**

"...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS." (II Peter 3:13)

### **IV. The Certainty of the Work**

"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." (Rom. 5:10)

**Application:** How can we know that this work is taking place in us? Can you say this morning: "Yes, I do love the Lord Jesus Christ with a fervent love. I have a hunger to know His Word. My heart longs to please him, and it grieves me to think of disobeying His commands. My delight is to live for Him. Whatever he brings into my life I know he is using it to conform me to the image of Christ." If this describes you then there is evidence that God has begun a good work in you!