

SERMON GUIDE

Work It Out

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Big Idea

Salvation of my soul absolutely results in transformation of my life.

Outline

Because I'm saved by Jesus...

1. I'm transformed with a supplied power (13).
2. I'm transformed with a special family (14).
3. I'm transformed with a simple mission (15).
4. I'm transformed with a scripted doctrine (16).
5. I'm transformed with a settled hope (16).
6. I'm transformed with a secured joy (17–18).

Reflect

- Are you seeing transformation in your life? Though you will never reach perfection in this life, are you walking in the direction of Christ and growing in likeness to him?
- What is your attitude toward the “crooked and twisted generation” among whom you are called to shine as lights? Does your attitude position you to reach the lost with grace and truth?
- What false gospels are you most prone to believe for change?

Pray

- Ask God to help you continually grow in your understanding of how transformation happens in the Christian life. Pray for help to “work out your own salvation.” Pray also for a willingness and an eagerness to see God work transformation in you.
- Before the Lord, examine your heart and life to see if there might be a spirit of grumbling or complaining. Confess it as sin, affirm the forgiving grace of the gospel, and ask God to help you “do all things without grumbling or disputing” (v. 14).

Discuss

- According to verses 12–13, does life transformation come as a result of you working out your salvation, or God working in you?
- What does it mean for God to work in you, “both to will and to work for his good pleasure”?
- What are some biblical keys to living a life free from grumbling and disputing?
- How have you held fast to the word of life in the week past? If you're drawing a blank, what might it look like for you to start holding fast to the word of life?
- What is the foundation of Paul's indestructible joy in verse 17? What are the things that seem to most fuel and sustain your joy?
- Where is my life being transformed right now?

