



#5 "Work Out!"

Paul's Pastoral Heart:

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence,..." Philippians 2:12

- Everything Paul Does Is MOTIVATED Out Of A Deep Affection And Sincere Love
- Paul COMMENDS The Philippians For Their Obedience And Connects Their Obedience To Jesus' Humble Obedience

The Work of Salvation:

"...work out. [κατεργάζομαι kätērgā'zomi ] your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works [ἐνεργέω energe'ō] in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Philippians 2:13

- Salvation Begins, Continues And Ends In GOD

"The desire for the salvation of God is kindled not by human emotion but by God Himself." ~William Barclay~

- Salvation Requires Your CO-OPERATION

"We cannot work out what God has not worked in"

Evidence Of Salvation Been Worked Out:

with fear and trembling, .....Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,<sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life Philippians 2:13 & 14-16

1. The Presence of FEAR & TREMBLING
2. The Absence of GRUMBLING & DISPUTING
3. The Presence of PURITY
4. Your LIGHT Will Shine In The Darkness

"If you want to shine like stars in this world you must resist the temptation to grumble"  
~Tony Merida & Francis Chan~

The Result of Salvation:

"...so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me." Philippians 2:16-18

- Joyful, SACRIFICIAL Service To Others

*"To Paul, every call to sacrifice and toil was a call to his love for Christ, therefore he met it not with regret or complaint but with joy" ~William Barclay~*

## Life Group Discussion Questions

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Read Philippians 2:12-18

- What is a significant difference between "working for" and "work out" your own salvation? Why is this an important distinction to make? (see vs12)
- Eugene Peterson, author of the Message describes the Christian life as "a long obedience in the same direction" How does this fit your Christian experience?
- Discuss the statement "You cannot work out what God has not worked in" (see vs13) How does this bring comfort and encouragement to your life as a Christian?
- How does "grumbling and disputing" damage our witness as Christians?
- How does the awareness of living in the presence of a holy God influence your pursuit of purity?
- How does the previous passage Philippians 2:5-11 impact the peace you experience in your life?
- How does your identity as "a child of God" influence the way you live? (see vs14)
- What do you think it means to "shine as lights in the world"? (see vs15)
- Paul had an eternal perspective, (see vs16) How does your eternal destiny impact the way you live today?
- Paul uses the image of being a "sacrificial offering". (see vs17) What does this teach us about the nature of ministry to others?
- Pray with and for one another.

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