

MINISTERING WITH DEPENDENCE: His Work, His Will, His Pleasure

Philippians 2:12–13

The Context (2:1–11)



Unselfish service
for others
patterned after the example
of Christ's humility
and obedience.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **What?**
  - **“Work out” what is already implanted within.**
    - **Illustration of a mine.**
    - **Illustration of a seed that has germinated.**

The Command



"work out your salvation"

- **Romans 7:17**

  So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

The Command



"work out your salvation"

- **Romans 7:8**

  But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Romans 5:3**

  And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Who?— “beloved”**

The Command



- **Philippians 4:1**

  Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long *to see*, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Who?— “beloved”**
- **How?—**
  - **“just as you have always obeyed”**

The Command



- **2 Corinthians 10:2–6**

  3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

The Command



- **2 Corinthians 10:2–6**

  5 *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Who?— “beloved”**
- **How?—**
  - **“just as you have always obeyed”**
  - **“but now much more in my absence”**
  - **“with fear and trembling”**

The Command



- **Ephesians 6:5**

  5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; 6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **1 Corinthians 2:2–5**

  2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,

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“work out your salvation”

- **1 Corinthians 2:2–5**

  4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Why?**
  - **“for it is God who is at work in you”**

The Command



- **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

  For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

The Command



- **1 Corinthians 12:6**

  There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons.*

The Command



- **Ephesians 3:20**

  Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

The Command



- **Colossians 1:29**

  For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Why?**
  - **“for it is God who is at work in you”**
    - **“both to will and to work”**
      - **“for *His* good pleasure”**

The Command



- **Matthew 3:17**

  and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Making It Work



- **Ephesians 2:10**

  For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Making It Work



- **2 Timothy 3:16–17**

  16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

One Implication



Knowing God's Will

- **Prepared to Know—John 15:7.**
- **Being Cautious of Your Heart—Jeremiah 17:9–10**
- **Being Assured of God's Will—1 John 5:14**
- **Being Aware of the Process—Philippians 2:13**