

# Work Out Your Own Salvation

Philippians 2:12-18

## Context - Philippians 2

- ▶ Unity - Verses 1-2
- ▶ Attitude - Verses 3-4
- ▶ Example of Christ - Verses 5-11

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- ▶ *Philippians 2:12 "So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"*

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**Two Kinds Of Obedience: Philippians 2:12**

*"In my presence."*

*"In my absence."*

- ▶ Obedience must be to please God!  
Colossians 3:22; Ephesians 6:6; Galatians 1:10

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- ▶ **Man works. "Work out your own ..."**  
*Philippians 2:12*
- ▶ **"What must we do?"**
  - "Save yourselves ..." Acts 2:40
  - "Go into the city ..." Acts 22:10
  - "Believe on the Lord Jesus ..." Acts 16:31
  - "For if ye do these things ..." 2 Peter 1:10

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- ▶ **Man Works ... "With fear and trembling."**  
*Philippians 2:12*
- 1 Corinthians 2:3; 2 Corinthians 7:15; Ephesians 6:5
- Fear of displeasing God. Isaiah 66:1-2; Matthew 10:28
- Respect and awe of God. cf. Luke 7:16

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### ***God Works ... "For it is God who worketh in you ..." Philippians 2:13***

- ▶ He began a good work. Philippians 1:6
  - Beginning of the church in Philippi. Acts 16
  - Provides life to the dead. Ephesians 1:5; Romans 6:3-4

When one with reverence and awe obeys, God works in him.

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- ▶ Examples:
  - Fall of Jericho. Joshua 6
  - Naaman. 2 Kings 5
  - Blind man. John 9
  - Forgiveness. Luke 23:34; cf. Acts 2:40

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### ***"without murmurings and questionings." Philippians 2:14***

- ▶ Downfall of Israel. 1 Corinthians 10:7-12
  - Numbers 14:1ff, 29 Would not go in.
  - Numbers 16:41ff Rebellion of Korah.
  - Numbers 21:6ff Fiery serpents.

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### ***"that ye may become ..." Philippians 2:15; cf. Malachi 1:13***

- ▶ ***Blameless:*** "Deserving no censure ... free from fault or defect" (Thayer) Cf. Luke 1:6
- ▶ ***Harmless:*** Pure, untainted, free from guile, innocent. "That which is in its original state ... moral innocence." (TDNT Kettel) cf. Matthew 10:16; Romans 16:19
- ▶ ***Without blemish:*** free from fault ... as the blood of Christ. cf. 1 Peter 1:19; Ephesians 1:4; 5:27

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### ***"in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation." Philippians 2:15***

- ▶ Must be separate from the world. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Romans 12:1-2
  - Change the way you live. cf. Ephesians, Colossians, and Romans 6
- ▶ Cannot "isolate" ourselves from the world. cf. John 17:15,18; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11
  - Elijah. 1 Kings 19
  - Jeremiah. Jeremiah 9:2

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### ***"among whom ye are seen as lights in the world." Philippians 2:15***

- ▶ Value of light is "SEEN."
- ▶ From the beginning. Genesis 1:1-3
- ▶ Dispels darkness. cf. Matthew 5:13-16
- ▶ In Jesus. John 1:4; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46
- ▶ You are children of light! Ephesians 5:8; 1 Peter 4:3-4

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***"Holding forth (holding fast) the word of life." Philippians 2:16***

- ▶ It is for Christians to hold it out, to hold on to it. cf. Titus 2:10
- ▶ The embodiment of the word in the life of the Christian ... the character being formed and the practiced. cf. Galatians 2:20
- ▶ God be glorified. Matthew 5:13-16

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- ▶ *"Make full my joy ..." Philippians 2:2*
- ▶ *"I joy and rejoice with you all ..." Philippians 2:17-18*

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