

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

EXPERIENCING HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION
PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 2:12-13

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE: “It’s Time To Go Now”

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

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Introduction to the Text; Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my **beloved**, as you 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**; **13** for it is God who **works in you** both **to will** and **to do** for His **good pleasure**.

There is almost nothing that is private about Christianity except perhaps that - Coming to faith Jesus Christ but even that eventually brings out of your confession of “Jesus Christ is Lord”

Biblical Christianity is a Public, Global, Active Experience

We have just come from a high and lofty
Declaration of the fact that; Jesus Christ is Lord

And with that reality that God expects us to naturally, supernaturally submit to the love of God and the plan of God.

“There is no value to a mountaintop experience unless it helps us to live in the valleys.”

Paul now, takes our heads out of the clouds of glory

And places us back down on earth again – where we live.

But why? Why can’t we just stay in the “heavenly mode” for now?
Why do we need to deal with the stuff of this world?

Because God is at Work in this World

and His Work carries with it present and eternal consequences.

It all comes down to what is a real Christian?

What do they **look like** and what do they **sound like** and **what do they do**.

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1.) Further on in your walk with God vs. 12

Therefore, my **beloved**, as you 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**;

1a.) Walk like you know it vs. 12a

Therefore, (“because of this” – it is a “now” statement = 5-11) **my beloved**.

He speaks to the Christian. The context is to the man already saved by God's great grace. (My Beloved)

(Therefore) Because of What you've just learned in Verses 1-11, there is a grand and amazing powerful effect that happens.

why is this “they are already believers” all important?

Because in a moment Paul is going to say, “work out your own salvation” and that exhortation is not what you might think.

Because we are now to “Walk like you know it”

Knowing that you belong to family of God.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him THE name which is above **every name**,

11 and that **every tongue should confess** that **Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father**.

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

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Further On In Your Walk With God

1b.) Walk like you **mean it** vs. 12b

Philippians 2:12b

...As you have **always obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but **now much more** in my absence,

This is Paul's spiritual exhortation to the Philippian believers.

obeyed uJpakou/w hupakouo, *hoop-ak-oo'-o*; to bring your ear under the mouth / to hear from underneath. to listen attentively "Listen to every word that falls from his... mouth)

not as in my presence only, but **now much more** in my absence,

they began their walks with God by imitating Paul.

(that is normal for a new believer)

1 Corinthians 4:15

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you, **imitate** me.

Never set a man or a group or committee or church up as your only source for - - "All Things God".

Paul is glad that they had grown while he was with them – He now pushes them out of the nest into a "deeper devotion" by following Jesus with or without someone like Paul alongside them to be their motivation or inspiration."

Walk like you **mean it** because you have heard from Jesus.

Christianity is a Brotherhood of One, Shared by All.

(that One is Jesus Christ and we are in Him)

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be **imitators** of God as dear children. 2 And **walk** in love, as Christ also has loved us

1 Corinthians 11:1

Imitate me, just as I also **imitate** Christ.

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Further On In Your Walk With God

1c.) Walk like you **do it** vs. 12c

Philippians 2:12c

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling

Work out GRK: *katergazomai katergazomai, kat-er-gad'-zom-ahee;*

to take what you **have been given** and put forth every effort to it. to strive toward undeterred. To seek the finishline. To do what must be done to win the prize. To be fashioned like and for another (Jesus)

Regarding “Obtaining Salvation” – what does the Bible teach?

That it's a gift. That it's a free and unmerited gift.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift** of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Listen – Right now in my backyard, this is happening.

I have “gifted” the earth in my yard with various seeds and bulbs – This week several of them have broken through the surface

I cannot hear any boasting bulbs or seeds in my yard

God has given all (all) His children a particular spiritual

DNA. One of those bits of information is that we have within us the desire to pursue after God !

The word here to “Work Out” means;

To take what you already possess and allow it, use it, exercise it more and more, everywhere at all times,

The thought is this;

If a goldminer mines until He gets the gold and If a marathon runner runs until he crosses the line, Then the Christian follows Jesus until the end.

Matthew 24:13

But he who **endures** (hupomeno – stay under the flow of water or the beam of light) to the end shall be saved.

It's all of SANCTIFICATION – God empowering you by His Holy Spirit to put into practice His Word the Bible.

It's not “work for” it is not “work up” it is not “work in”

We cannot talk about being a Christian without getting a check-up from Dr. James:

James 2:14,17-20

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?, **17** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **:18** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” **Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.** **19** You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! **20** But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

#1 it's about maturing in Jesus. This “work out” is the believers growth in and his/her application of God's will in their lives –

#2 it's about letting what's inside, out. It's publication of that new life that is within, which demands to take action.

#3 we are to “work out” from within the fact, the knowledge, the reality that we are profoundly loved by God. we are to strive, labor, work, apply ourselves to unwrap the gift of God's love toward us.

Galatians 4:19

Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.

It's not “work in” your own salvation, It's the “work out” of your own salvation.

Take what's already on the inside and make it to come out of you - on the outside, publically.

Philippians 2:12c

Work out your **own** salvation with **fear** and **trembling**

own GRK: **eJautouv heautou**, *heh-ow-too*´; you alone, you the individual, you personal, excluding all others. yourself. by yourself. only you and nobody else but you.

salvation GRK: **swthri÷a soteria**, *so-tay-ree´-ah*; your personal deliverance, your rescuing, your saving from sin, your freedom from death and hell and into the safe harbor of God's salvation for YOU !

It's like receiving a Christmas gift. It's all yours. It didn't cost you anything. It's there. But you need to unwrap it and put it on.

Fear GRK: **fo/boß phobos**, *fof´-os*; from a primary **fe÷bomai phebomai** (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: — be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.

Trembling GRK: **tro/moß tromos**, *trom´-os*; from 5141; a "trembling", i.e. quaking with fear: — + tremble(-ing). To quake or shutter with dread because of (a) the appointment. To know in advance that the day is coming when.

There is the sign of Actuation

There is an almost violent determination, a total dedication to see God at work in one's life. In a godly way, they are satisfied, yet they cannot be satisfied until they have more of God.

There is the sign of Consecration

They recognize that within themselves there is nothing good not because of a martyrs complex but because they have come to gaze upon the righteousness of God and His holiness.

There is the sign of Serenity

They have come to the end of "idle talk" gossip and complaining because they have found their rest in God. they have rejected the murmuring that destroyed Israel in the wilderness. Their trust in God has disarmed life's situations.

There is the sign of Purity

They live with a deep sense of termination – this road trip is nearing its end and when that time comes, that's when all this living will have its total meaning and conclusion.

This is a comforting truth to me.

What's implied here is that everything, all the time, in me – is under God's watchful constructive eye. My responsibility is to be 101% yielded & engaged in what He is doing – co-operating with God in His process.

In Matthew 25 there is a barrage of soul piercing truths that Jesus lays out to all of mankind, but especially toward those who make the claim of knowing Him.

Matthew 25:24-30

“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours 26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. :29 “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Matthew 13:3-23

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”... :18 “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

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