

# THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

## PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 2:12-13

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### “IT’S TIME TO GO NOW” – PART 2

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

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Introduction to the Text; **Philippians 2:12-13**

### Timing Is Everything

And for the believer, **time and timing is all important.**

#### Ephesians 5:15-16

See then that you walk circumspectly, (upright) not as fools but as wise, **16** redeeming (take back) the **time**, because the days are evil.

**And according to the Bible, There is no greater way to spend your time than to getting to know God.**

#### Deuteronomy 4:29

You will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

**And that’s echoed in the New Testament by the Apostle Paul**

#### Philippians 3:10 & 2 Timothy 1:12

That I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death... **2 Timothy 1:12** For I **know** Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him **until** that Day.

## The God of the Bible, unlike the man-made gods of men; Is the Uncreated, Knowable God.

**“It is in Him that we live and move and have our being”**

### Philippians 2:5-8

**Let** (allow, bring to the forefront the reality of) this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **:9**

**Therefore** (because of what you just heard, stand upon this) God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **:13**

**Therefore**, (because of what you just heard, stand upon this) 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.

## This is the **Pilgrims Progress** in the Christian Walk

### IT'S TIME TO GO NOW

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

**Therefore**, (because of what you just heard, stand upon this) 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;**

This we know scripturally - is what the apostle is not saying;  
He is not saying **'I'm to do my part and God is to do His part and together we save me'**.  
There could be nothing more false and yet so prevalent in our religious world today.

That **“This working out”** is a **Remarkable** and **Perpetual** reality for the Christian -  
- it demands that we **live, love, serve, and care** for one another in the context of  
Christian fellowship = The Church

( That means that we're to place ourselves  
in the line of fire of Christian servant-hood )

And so we came to this conclusion,  
That those who have **invested in the fact of their own salvation**  
-  
have become bold and confident in sharing that salvation with  
others.

Here, Between these two verses is the “Sweet Connect”

The Christian believer cannot become spiritual by himself,  
Nor will Christ live His life through an unyielded vessel.

God is at work where He’s invited.

**Matthew Henry wrote;**

“This godly fear is a great guard and preservative against  
doing evil.”

**Again Matthew Henry writes;**

“We work outwardly our salvation because God has worked it in  
and does work it in until that day.

## IT’S TIME TO GO NOW

2.) **Deeper on in your experience with God vs. 13**

For it is God who works in you  
both to **will** and to **do** for His good pleasure.

## GOING DEEPER ON IN **YOUR EXPERIENCE** WITH GOD

2a.) Experiencing the **Person** of God vs. 13a

**For** it is God

### **The Personhood of God.**

“There can be no salvation without God, but what God offers, man must take. It is  
never God who withholds salvation; it is always man  
who deprives himself of it.” - William Barkley

### Hebrews 6:1-3 NLT

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. **Let us go on** instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of (1) repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. :2 (2) You don't need further instruction about baptisms, (3) the laying on of hands, (4) the resurrection of the dead, and (5) eternal judgment. 3 And so, God willing, we will move forward to further (**or deeper**) understanding.

**God is a person which is why you are a person** and it is through the familiarity of "Personality" that we have intercourse with one another and with God - God is knowable !

### Psalm 100:3

**Know** that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**For grk: gar**, God is the reason. He is the because. The question and the answer. God is the why and what.

### 1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you have eternal life, and that you may (**continue to believe**) in the name of the Son of God.

### 1 John 5:20

And we **know** that the Son of God has come and has given us an **understanding**, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Jonathan Edwards

**For it is God** - God alone, who is with you, who is in you, that worketh in you according to his good pleasure - Not for any merit of yours does he. Yet his influences are not to supersede us, but to encourage us in our personal efforts. Work out your own salvation is our duty to cooperate with His ongoing work in us. For it is God that worketh in you - Here is our encouragement. And O, what a glorious encouragement it is, to have the arm of Omnipotence stretched out for our support and our comfort!

## GOING DEEPER IN YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

2b.) Experiencing the

**Power** of God

vs. 13b

God **who works**

**Who** grk: **ho** meaning; The One, This One, That One.

**Works** grk: **ejnerge÷w energeo**, *en-erg-eh'-o* - meaning; the energy - - to be active, to be fervent, tireless, enduring, - never giving up.

## It Is God Works

God the Source, God The Originator, God The Cause

### John 5:17

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working **en'erg'e'o** until now, and I have been **en'erg'e'o** working."

"Just like electricity runs through and around the wire,"  
So the power of God runs through and around the believer.

It's not by our sweat, but by us **working, to yielding, to surrendering.**

### Titus 3:5

Not by **works** of righteousness which we have **done**, **BUT** according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of **regeneration** and **renewing** of the Holy Spirit,

**Regeneration** grk: **paliggenesia**, *pal-ing-ghen-es-ee'-ah*; to birth again or rebirth in spirit or a spiritual renovation. (the being born-again)

**Renewing** grk: **anakainosis**, *an-ak-ah'-ee-no-sis*; the **renovating**-renovation. The **transforming**-transformation.

### Ephesians 1:19b-20

(to know) what is the exceeding greatness of His **power toward us who believe**, according to the **working of His mighty power** 20 which He **worked** in Christ **when He raised Him from the dead**

### Acts 1:8

But you shall receive **power** (not the power of self but) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; (result) and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

GOING DEEPER IN **YOUR EXPERIENCE** WITH GOD

## 2c.) Experiencing the **Presence** of God vs. 13c

**in** you

This "In You" is the total you. It means the non-physical part of you that is comprised of your **intellect**, your **emotions** your **will**.

**In** grk: **ejn en, en**; a primary preposition denoting, being fixed within, firmly positioned in both place and time within a person. (inside of you)

**In its technical form** - indicating separation, direction, action – from the greek understanding of "Elliptical" meaning something hard to understand but able to observe. An ongoing orbit or circular action within a course or track.

**(God in me at work)**

**" En "**

Noah Webster's 1828 - Greek **EN'THUS' IASM**, the infuse of the Divine Spirit. To be Inspired. To be influenced, controlled or possessed by (a) or (the) passion

**EN'**

That which is Indwelling or internal

**THUS'**

A God or gods

**IASM**

action, activity, energy, passion, motivation, cause

in our modern-day vernacular'

**" what causes you to get up in the morning  
and go about doing what you do is your god. "**

### **The indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

is the action by which God takes up permanent residence in the body of a believer in Jesus Christ while in this world.

**( it's something unique to the church )**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

Or do you not know that your **body is the temple** of the Holy Spirit who **is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God **in** your body and **in** your spirit, which are God's.

### John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will **give you** another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - - **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you **know** Him, for He dwells with you and shall be **in** you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will **come** to you.

why is this doctrine so important?

*(the holy spirit' s presence in the life of the believer is the confirmation, stamp, seal of God' s ownership. Every true-heaven-bound-believer is the dwelling place of God the Holy Spirit.)*

what are the reasons for this indwelling?

*For power over temptation. For the operation of your spiritual gift(s). for effectively engaging the world (witness) and for living out the Christian life with boldness.*

This Is Where We Are Coming From as Christians – watch out world !

## Are you familiar with Moses' experience with God ?

### Exodus 33:18

And he said, "Please, **show** me Your glory."

**Show** Heb. Ra'ah, raw-aw' - to enjoy, to have the full experience of, to stare at or to gaze upon. To bask in the experience of.

**I personally believe that there is no greater joy that we can give the Lord than what Moses is saying here;**

"Show me You. More of You, All of You"

I don't care anymore about  
**sticks turning into snakes"**

I don't care anymore about  
**"parting the Red Sea"**  
I don't care anymore about  
**"pillars of fire at night"**

I don't care anymore about  
"a **cloud of glory** by day"

I don't care anymore about  
being tucked in a rock and seeing where You've been.

**Exodus 33:18**

"Please (he is desperate), **show** me Your glory."

**The Experience is Ours for the  
Seeking.**

**So how do we "seek" this experience of Him ?**

>>>>> Cooperating With God in What He Wants <<<<<  
>>>>> Get Alone With God in Where He Wants to Take You  
<<<<<

**Psalm 27:4**

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek:

- (1) That I may  **dwell**  in the house of the LORD All the days of my life,
- (2) To  **behold**  the beauty of the LORD, (3) And to  **inquire**  in His temple.

**GOING DEEPER IN YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH GOD**

2d.) Experiencing the  **Purpose**  of God vs. 13d

both to  **will**  and to  **do**

This " **Will** " is a cool, calculated, hard-line determination,  
An impassive (emotionless) act. It is the right intention.

"God's Holy Spirit is at work inside of me to recreate within  
me His will. As I get closer and closer to God, I begin to  
desire what God desires."

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**Ezra 1:5**



Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

We are **becoming** one with God because we are one **with** God

Verse 13d

and to **do**

"I will agree more and more with God. I begin to see things the way God sees things. I begin to speak the way God speaks I begin to love the things God loves and to hate the things that God hates."

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I my life, I know that it has been God who has affected my thinking.

I my life, I know that it has been God who has affected my desires.

I my life, I know that it has been God who has affected my actions.

## GOING DEEPER IN YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

2e.) Experiencing the **Pleasure** of God vs. 13e

for His good **pleasure**.

**Pleasure** grk: **eudokia**, yoo-dok-ee'-ah; His satisfaction, His delight, or (objectively) kindness, wish, purpose: — desire, **good** pleasure

This is His Good **Pleasure**.

### Psalm 37:3-5

**Trust** in the LORD, and **do** good; **Dwell** in the land, and **feed** on His faithfulness. 4  
**Delight** yourself also in the LORD, And He shall **give** you the desires of your heart. 5  
**Commit** your way to the LORD, **Trust** also in Him, And He shall **bring it** to pass.

This is His Good **Pleasure**.

### Psalm 23:1-6

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

This is His Good **Pleasure**.

### John 17:24

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am,

This is His Good **Pleasure**.

### Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He **foreknew**, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**.

**WE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
BECAUSE GOD IS AT WORK IN US (YOU?)**

### Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

*End of Study*

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