



**Work Out Your
Own Salvation**

Philippians 2:12-16

Purpose of Paul's Letter

- Thank Philippians for their help in time of need
- Praise them for their continued faithfulness
- Provide info about Timothy & Epaphroditus
- Encourage steadfastness in God's word
- Encourage brethren to **WORK** in **UNITY**
 - Only through unity in Christ can the oneness of purpose, attitude, goal. & labor (**WORK**) be achieved.
- **WORK** out their own salvation



Working In Christ

- **Salvation requires God & man**
 - **Ephesians 2:8**, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God”*
 - **Matthew 7:21**, *“Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of the father which is in heaven.”*
- **Must Build (Work) upon the Rock (Matt. 16:18)**
 - **Matthew 16:16**, *“Thou are the Christ, the son of the living God.”*
 - **Matthew 7:24-27**, Wise men build (WORK) on THE ROCK and Foolish men build on the sand



Obedience (Work) & Salvation ???

- **Obedience = WORKS**
 - **Hebrews 5:9**, *“he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him”*
- **WORK** will not merit (earn) salvation!
- **FAITH** with Godly **WORKS** secures salvation!
 - **James 2:17-20**, *“faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble ~~But~~ wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”*



Have Faith In God, Not Man

Philippians 2:12-13, “*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*”

- Men will disappoint, God will not
- Faith in man brings destruction
- **2 Peter 2:1-3**, “*false teachers shall...bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways...*”



Be Responsible For Your Life

Philippians 2:12, “work out your own salvation”

- **Shifting blame, cowardly & ineffective**
 - **Genesis 3:12-13, “The woman thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. The serpent bequiled me, and I did eat.”**
- **We choose to sin or not to sin, its OUR CHOICE**
 - **James 1:14, “every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”**
 - **1 Corinthians 10:13, “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”**



Live As Lights To The World

Philippians 2:14-15, *“Do all things without murmurings and disputings...be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world”*

– **Matthew 7:16**, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works”*

– **Romans 14:7**, *“none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”*

– **2 Corinthians 3:2**, *“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men”*



Must Know Your Bible

Philippians 2:16, *“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.”*

- **Determine Your Own Destiny**

- **2 Timothy 2:15**, *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

- **2 Timothy 3:15**, *the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*



Keys to Working Out Your Own Salvation

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