



EXERCISING YOUR SALVATION

Philippians 2:12-13

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Good morning Church! Paul's love for the Philippians "holding them in his heart" is because they have received God's grace & salvation that spurs the willing support of Paul's ministry. Paul prays for the church to produce fruit of Christ and the only way to live righteous is through the work of Jesus Christ and His Spirit. Not only is a sinner justified through faith in Christ and His grace, but we are brought to completion by Christ and His grace. When we consider what Jesus has done for us, it should motivate us to "live" for Him and to obey Him.

*"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but 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 work for his good pleasure." **Philippians 2:12-13***

1. **GODLINESS** and **OBEDIENCE** are Results of the **GOSPEL**. (v 12)

*"Godliness and obedience are consequences of the gospel but the gospel is what Christ has done for us." **Scott Clark***

*"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" **Romans 3:21-24***

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast." **Ephesians 2:8-9***

2. The Attitude of **PURSUING** Godliness Grows during the **PROCESS** of Sanctification. (v 12)

Attitude of Godliness involves:

- A healthy **FEAR** of offending God
- A righteous **AWE** and **RESPECT** for God

3. The Believer is RESPONSIBLE to Exercise the GOOD WORKS that God PRODUCES. (v 13)

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” **Ephesians 2:10***

*“And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.” **1 Thessalonians 2:13***

“With focused attention and great care, you have to “work out” what God “works in” you— not work to accomplish or earn “your own salvation,” but work it out so you will exhibit the evidence of a life based with determined, unshakable faith on the complete and perfect redemption of the Lord. As you do this, you do not bring an opposing will up against God’s will— God’s will is your will. Your natural choices will be in accordance with God’s will, and living this life will be as natural as breathing.”

Oswald Chambers

- God's POWER makes His CHURCH willing to live godly lives.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*