

The RESULTS of our SALVATION ~ Philippians 2:12-30

→Scripture Reading Phil. 2:5-6 and 12-15

God Gives us the DESIRE and the POWER ~ Philippians 2:12-13

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

APPLICATION

...WORK HARD to show the results of your salvation, OBEYING God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working IN YOU, giving you the DESIRE and the POWER to do what pleases Him. (NLT)

This is NOT about Being SAVED

- we are **Saved** BY Grace through Faith NOT by Works - Eph. 2:8-9
- we have been **Justified** BY Faith - Rom. 5:1
- we have **Peace** with God BY Faith - Rom 5:1

Philippians 1:6 (NIV) ...being confident of this, that He who began a good work IN YOU WILL carry it on to completion until the DAY of Christ Jesus.

Legalism is adding man-made rules that are supposed to bring about godliness

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:32-33 (NIV) ...You are right in saying that God is ONE and there is NO OTHER but Him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.

How can we Spend Time with God?

- OTHERS
- TALK
- LISTEN
- WORSHIP
- MEMORIZE
- FOCUS

Jeremiah 29:13 (HCS) You will seek Me and find Me WHEN you search for Me with ALL your heart.

Do NOT Grumble and Complain ~ Philippians 2:14-18

¹⁴ Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe ¹⁶ as you hold out the word of life - in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

APPLICATION

¹⁴ Do everything without complaining and arguing, ¹⁵ so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. (NLT)

→Kerosene Lamp

Matthew 5:15-16 (NLT) No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Acts 3:18-19 (NIV) Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of REFRESHING may come from the Lord...

Same ATTITUDE as Christ Jesus ~ Philippians 2:19-30

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

TAKE AWAY ??

Philippians 1:27 (NIV) Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...

Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV) Do NOTHING out of Selfish Ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the INTERESTS of others.

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) All Scripture is inspired by God and is USEFUL to teach us what is TRUE and to make us realize what is WRONG in our lives. It corrects us when we are WRONG and teaches us to do what is RIGHT. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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