

Let Your Light SHINE ~ Philippians 2:12-18

→Scripture Reading Phil 2:12-15

INTRODUCTION

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God is at WORK in You ~ 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.

They were to show OUTWARDLY what God had done INWARDLY. Ellsworth

IMPLICATION

¹² ...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling...

¹² ...work out your OWN salvation ESV

¹² ...Work hard to show the RESULTS of your Salvation, obeying God (NLT)

Work Out Your Own Salvation

- does Not mean we EARN it
- does Not mean we can do it FOR Someone Else
- does Not mean we can FINISH here
- IS a part of our daily OBEDIENCE
- IS the practical application of BEING Saved

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) 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 2:10 (ESV) For we are His workmanship, created IN Christ Jesus FOR good works, which God prepared beforehand, that WE should walk in them.

IMPLICATION

¹² ...continue to **Work out Your salvation** with fear and trembling,

¹² ...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**.

¹³ for the ONE bringing forth in you both the DESIRE and the EFFORT ...is God. (NET)

¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the **desire** and the **power** to DO what pleases Him. (NLT)

¹³ for the ONE bringing forth in you BOTH the DESIRE and the EFFORT ...is God. (NET)

Both divine enablement and human responsibility are involved in getting God's work done. Believers are partners with God, laboring together with Him. Ellsworth

Stop COMPLAINING and ARGUING ~ 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.

IMPLICATION

¹⁵ ...Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. (NLT) ...shine like stars in the universe...(NIV)

How much do I...

LOOK like - SOUND like - ACT like

...the **Crooked** and **Perverse** world ALL around ME?

1 Peter 2:12 (NIV) Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT) SEARCH ME, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out ANYTHING in me that offends YOU, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

TAKE AWAY ??

¹⁴ Do everything without Complaining or Arguing ¹⁵ SO THAT...

Exodus ^{15:24} So the people GRUMBLED against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

^{16:2} In the desert the whole community GRUMBLED against Moses and Aaron.

^{17:3} But the people were thirsty for water there, and they GRUMBLED against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV) ¹⁵ Let the Peace of Christ RULE in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the Word of Christ DWELL in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you DO, whether in WORD or DEED, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.