**Phil. 2: 12 -18**

**Focal Truth: Believers must live out their salvation as God works in them**

Phil 2:8 – being found in the appearance of a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross

**Observations**

1. **It is the responsibility of believers to live out their salvation – 2:12**
2. Live in obedience as Christ was obedient – “just as you have always obeyed”
3. Work out your salvation - work out = katergadzomai - to do that from which something results
4. Live out your salvation – show the results of your salvation
5. Live in obedience to God
6. Live in godly fear of God
7. **God is at work in the life of the believer – 2:13**
8. God is at work = energeo – to display one’s activity, to effect
9. 1 Cor. 12:6 – there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons
10. Eph. 3:20 – now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us
11. God unites believers to Christ – Col. 1:27 – Christ in you the hope of glory
12. God delivers believers from the reign of sin – Rom. 6:18 – having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness
13. God gives believers the indwelling Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 6:19 – do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own

Eph. 1:18 – 19 – I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.

1. **God gives the desire to the believer to please God – 2:13**

*For the one bringing forth in you both the desire and the effort for the sake of His good pleasure – is God – NET*

*For it is God Himself who is at work in you to help you desire it as will as to do it – Williams*

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him - NLT*

1. To will = thelo – to desire, to have the mind to intend to do something
2. 2 Tim. 3:12 – all who desire to live godly will suffer persecution
3. 2 Cor. 5:9 - so whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him
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6. Eph. 3:16 – that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man
7. Phil. 3:10 – that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death
8. Col. 1:11 – strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience, joyously
9. Col. 1:29 – I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.
10. 2 Pet. 1:3 – His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life & godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence
11. **Believers live out their salvation without complaining or arguing – 2:14**
12. Do everything without complaining = gongysmos – murmur, mutter, secret displeasure

1 Pet4:9 – be hospitable to one another without complaint

1. Do everything without arguing = dialogismos – disputing

James 2:4 – have you made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives = dialogismos – arguments

1. **Believers live out their salvation proving to the world that they are blameless, innocent & beyond reproach children of God – 2:15**
2. Prove yourselves = genomai – to become, come into existence
3. Blameless = amemptos - free from fault or defect
4. Innocent = akeraios – unmixed, free from guile
5. Above reproach = amomos – without a blemish, unblameable
6. **Believers live out their salvation as lights in a crooked & perverse world – 2:15**
7. Crooked world = skolios – curved, crookedness
8. Perverse world = diastrepho – distorted, perverted, corrupt
9. Appear as lights = phoster – illuminator, brightness

Matt. 5:16 – Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your

good works…

1. **Believers live out their salvation holding out the word of Life bringing glory to God – 2:16**
2. Holdong fast = epecho – to hold out, present
3. Word of life – the gospel of Jesus Christ
4. **Paul sacrificed himself for the believers in order that he may finish his ministry with joy – 2:17 -18**
5. His work will be seen at the judgment seat of Christ - he did not run in vain
6. His life is sacrificed for the growth of the believers – I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith.
7. He rejoiced to be poured out as a sacrifice in ministering to the saints – I rejoice and share my joy with you
8. He desires that the believers rejoice and share their joy with him – fellowship together work of God being done in them.