

WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION  
PHIL. 1:12-13

Introduction:

- A. We have seen the humiliation of Jesus.
  - 1. Was the very being of God, but did not covet it.
  - 2. Emptied Himself, became a servant.
  - 3. He took the shape of a man, he took the appearance of a man, He gave up, excused Himself, and became obedient unto death.
  
- B. We have seen His exaltation.
  - 1. "given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow."
  
- C. Jesus was the begotten Son of God, yet as a servant He learned obedience through suffering. v8
  - 1. Hebrews 5:1-9.
  - 2. Jesus was God's Son, God had a plan for Him. Jesus made Himself a servant to do God's will. He "learned" by doing.
  - 3. Jesus was God's Son by birth, He did not do to become God's Son.
  - 4. He did not become a Son by doing, but did because He was a Son.
  
- D. Paul exhorts the Philippians to "obedience."
  - 1. "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence."
  - 2. obey = to listen with the intent of obeying, (v8)
  - 3. These servants obeyed Paul's writings and sermons about God, whether he was with them or away from them.
  - 4. As they "obeyed" they were, "working out their own salvation," much in the same way that Jesus was made "perfect through suffering."

- a. They were saved by birth.
  - b. They are completing God's plan by working.
  - c. [ ] and [ ] = fear and trembling in fear
5. "so now with reverence and awe, keep on working clear down to the finishing point of your salvation"

## I. WHAT IS MEANT BY, "WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION"?

### A. Salvation is the Lord's, He gives it to us by faith.

1. Eph. 2:8,9.
2. Psalm 51:12, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."
3. When God gives us salvation then we can do the work salvation demands.
4. Eph. 2:10.

### B. This is a work of "being."

1. Being honest.
2. Being sincere.
3. Being true, and faithful,
4. Being like Jesus, as Jesus was like God. (in the form of).

### C. This is a work of "doing."

1. Doing what the Bible teaches.
2. Doing things that accompany salvation.
3. Reading, praying, witnessing, giving, going, emptying, confessing, repenting, renewing, dedicating.
4. v 14-16.

### D. It is a work of "bearing."

1. The fruit of the Spirit.
2. "I am the vine, ye are the branches."

### E. "work out" = emphatic of [ ] work, or task, to work out, to achieve, effect by toil.

1. They were to do the work that a person who has salvation is supposed to do!
2. If we "work-out" our problems it is because we have problems, so it is with salvation!

## II. HOW CAN WE DO THIS WORK? U13

- A. God saves us by His Grace.
  1. We do not work for salvation.
  2. We work because we are saved.
  
- B. We are commanded to do the works that this salvation demands or deserves.
  1. Things that go together.
  2. Salvation and good works.
  
- C. God never commands that He does not supply.
  1. "I will not leave you comfortless."
  2. "Jesus left Himself to aid us."
  
- D. "For it is God which worketh in you; both to will and to do of His good pleasure."
  1. worketh = energy, to be in work, active, to energize, to be energized.
  2. "it is God who makes you willing and gives you the energy to do what He wants."

## III. LET GOD SAVE YOU AND THEN, "WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION"

- A. Trust in Jesus Christ.
  
- B. Follow Him in baptism.
  
- C. Work for Him in His church.

