

Philippians: Fellowship of the Gospel

Study 9: Work out what God works in you

READ Philippians 2:12-18 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Work out (vv. 12-13)

1. There is a big difference between working for your salvation and working out your salvation. Why is this an important distinction to make?
2. There are three aspects of salvation presented in Scripture:
 - a. Past (justification): salvation from the penalty of sin (Eph 2:8-9).
 - b. Present (sanctification): salvation from the power of sin (1 Cor 1:18; 2 Cor 7:1).
 - c. Future (glorification): salvation from the presence of sin (Rom 13:11).Which aspect does Paul refer to in v. 12 and what does this look like for the Christian (see 3:12-16 for help)?
3. Empowering our work is God's work (v. 13, see also 1 Cor 15:10; Psalm 127:1; 1 Pet 4:11). How does this bring comfort to your Christian life?

Don't Complain (vv. 14-16a)

4. What thoughts of God do you have when you grumble and dispute (v. 14)? How does this harm our Christian witness?

5. Paul explains the evangelistic impact a faithful life has on the world around them (vv. 15-16a): (1) shine as lights in the world and (2) hold-out or hold-forth the word of life. Discuss what this might look like in your life.

Rejoice (vv. 16b-18)

6. How does the reality of "the day of Christ" affect how you live your life and make disciples?
7. Paul uses the imagery of a sacrificial offering (v. 17). What does this teach you about the nature of your ministry to others?
8. Paul's call to rejoice closes out a long section of Scripture (1:27-2:18). What can we rejoice over from this section?

STOP AND PRAY: according to the A.C.T.S. method

Adoration: Praise God for His grace and mercy to enable you to obey Him.

Confession: Confess times you have grumbled and complained.

Thanksgiving: Thank God for His work in you and for Christ's certain return.

Supplication: Pray ...

- ❖ For increased strength, energy and joy to trust and obey Christ in specific areas of your life.
- ❖ To be an effective and bold witness for Christ to a lost world.