

We Can Work It Out

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One word written across all of Scripture is SALVATION. God's plan is one of restoration. But what is our part in this plan? Salvation is a free gift because of Christ's sacrifice. However, Paul says to "work out our salvation." Is this a contradiction? This message looks at the difference between working out and working for.

Blessings!
Pastor Craig Canning

"Through salvation our past has been forgiven, our present is given meaning, and our future is secured." (Rick Warren)

Scriptures: Unless Otherwise Noted, All Passages NIV

- Joshua 4:23
- Philippians 2:12
- Colossians 1:9-14
- Colossians 1:9-10
- John 17:3
- Ephesians 2:10
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- James 2:14 (ESV)
- 1 John 3:1
- 1 Timothy 2:1-6
- 2 Corinthians 5:20
- James 4:17 (NLT)
- Philippians 2:13
- 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)
- Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)
- Hebrews 12:1-3
- Hebrews 12:1-3 (The Message)
- Colossians 1:12-13

“Through the Bible was written over sixteen centuries by at least forty authors, it has one central theme... salvation through faith in Christ.” (Max Lucado)

Main Points

1. Work it Out in Prayer
2. Work it Out in Practice
3. Work it Out in His Strength
4. Work it Out with Patience

Starter Questions:

- What did you hear?
 - What point in this message was most impactful for you?
- What do you think?
 - How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?
- What will you do?
 - How will you put into practice what you've learned today?

“Prayer is not all that matters but make no mistake, nothing matters more. Give up on prayer and all you've got left is human effort energized by human passions that, in order to stay at a fever pitch, ordinarily must shift to anger.” (Beth Moore)

Digging Deeper:

Revelation

- How does peace and faith lead us to the person named Jesus?

“God is able to accomplish, provide, help, save, keep, subdue... He is able to do what you can't. He already has a plan. God's not bewildered. Go to Him.” (Max Lucado)

Interpretation

- What does it mean to “work out our salvation”?

Application

- Who are you praying for on a daily basis?
- How are you influencing those around you?
