

Series: That We May Know Him

Text: Philippians 2:12-18

Main Idea: We work out the life that God works within.

Title/Hook: Work

Date: 10/8/23

Purpose: To exhort Christians to a life of obedience, working out the new life God has given them and is empowering them to live out, for His good pleasure and our joy.

FCF/COR: When Christians live in obedience to God they stand out and shine in this dark world.

Christ Trajectory: The word of life is the word of Jesus, He is the Word and the Life, eternal life, knowing the Father and the Son, is found in Him alone, the word of life saves us and that salvation works itself out in growth into His likeness. (John 1:1-18, 14:6, 17:3, 2 Cor. 3:18)

Apologetic:

Call to Worship: Philippians 1:2 - ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Benediction: Philippians 4:7 – "May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Structure: Deductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): What does Paul want them to do in light of Christ's humiliation and exaltation?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): To work out their salvation in obedience, knowing God is working in them, and that when they do this they shine as lights in the world which is cause for rejoicing.

Exegetical Main Idea: In light of Christ's humiliation and exaltation Paul wants them to work out their salvation in obedience, knowing God is working in them, and that when they do this they shine as lights in the world which is cause for rejoicing.

Theological Main Idea: Christians work out their salvation in obedience, knowing God is working in them, and in this they shine as lights in the world, which is cause for rejoicing.

Homiletical Main Idea: We work out the life that God works within.

Outline:

Ephesians 2:8-9 - ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Romans 4:5 - ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness

Ephesians 2:8-10 - ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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1. A Christian's call is to work out their salvation (vv. 12, 14-15)

Matthew 5:14-16 - ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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2. A Christian's confidence is that God is working in them (v. 13, 16a)

Ephesians 2:1-5- And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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3. A Christian's costly growth is cause for rejoicing (vv. 16b-18)

2 Corinthians 12:15 - ¹⁵ I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.

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