

Growing in Christ

Philippians 2:12-18

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Introduction

1. God forgives us. Ephesians 1:7
2. God declares us righteous. 2 Corinthians 5:21
3. God adopts us. Romans 8:15
4. God sanctifies us. Philippians 2:12-18

The Passage

1. We are to cooperate with God's maturing work in us. v. 12
 - a. We are to continue to obey. v. 12a
 - b. The verse does not mean that we are to work to gain salvation. v. 12
 - Matthew 5:20
 - Romans 3:10-12
 - Romans 5:18-19
 - c. The verse is exhorting Christians to prioritize their spiritual growth. v. 12
 - I Corinthians 9:24
2. We are to trust in God's maturing work in us. v. 13
 - Colossians 1:28-29
 - John 15:4-5
3. We are to submit to God's maturing work in us. vv. 14-15
 - a. We are to replace complaining with trust. v. 14
 - b. We need to remember that a submissive heart leads to an effective witness. v. 15
 - John 8:39b
 - John 8:44