

The Joy of Living Out Salvation

<u>Do</u> nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Apostle Paul Philippians 2:3-5

<u>Follow</u> God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and <u>walk</u> <u>in the way of love</u>, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1-2

SALVATION IS LIFE

Philippians 2:12-13

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have **always obeyed**—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone <u>fully mature in Christ</u>.

To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy <u>Christ</u> so powerfully <u>works in me</u>.

Colossians 1:28-29

"When our faith becomes nothing more than a series of rules and regulations, joy flees and our love for Christ grows cold."

Billy Graham

You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is **faith** <u>expressing itself</u> through **love**.

Galatians 5:4-6

THE WAY OF JOY

Philippians 2:14-18

¹⁴ <u>Do</u> everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ <u>so that</u> you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation."

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life.

And **then** I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

¹⁷ But <u>even if</u> I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am **glad and rejoice** <u>with all of you</u>. ¹⁸ So you too should be **glad and rejoice** <u>with me</u>.

"Assemble before me all the elders of your tribes and all your officials, so that I can speak these words in their hearing and call the heavens and the earth to testify against them..."

"I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. They are corrupt and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation. Is this the way you repay the Lord, you foolish and unwise people?.."

"Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life."

Moses Deuteronomy 31:28; 32:3-6,46,47

"He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only."

C.S. Lewis