

Philippians 2:12-30

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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 (*Energeō*) in you
to WILL and to ACT according to his good purpose.

¹⁴ Do EVERYTHING without COMPLAINING or ARGUING, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe ¹⁶ as you HOLD OUT the WORD of LIFE—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a DRINK OFFERING on the sacrifice and service coming from YOUR faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.



¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.

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²⁰ I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

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²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fello
who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ Fo
distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and
not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send
him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ Welcome him in the Lord
with great joy, and honor men like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life
to make up for the help you could not give me.