Week 6: Philippians 2:12-18 (NASB)

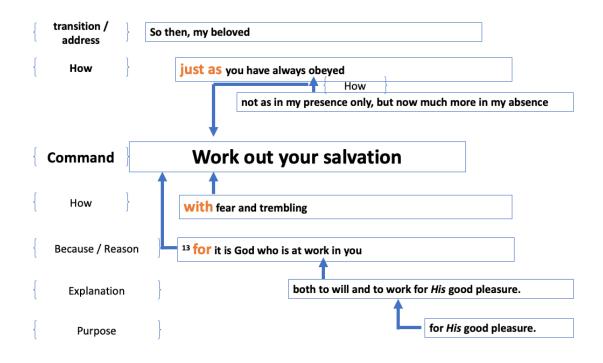
<sup>12</sup> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing; <sup>15</sup> so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life,

16b so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. <sup>18</sup> You too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

## **Quick Overview & Outline of Passage**

- 1. V12 & 13.
- 2. V14-15.
- 3. V17-18.



#### **Review & Connection:**

\*\* What is the flow of thought from the previous passage?

Previously ...

\*\*So then,

## Section 1: Work out your salvation

- 1. [[Command]] Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.
  - a. What does it mean to work out your salvation?
  - b. Why Fear & Trembling

# **Section 2**: Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

- 1. [[ Command ]] Do all things without Grumbling & Disputing
  - a. What?
- 2. Importance:
  - 1. What are you proving?

# Section 3: I rejoice, You rejoice, We all rejoice.

- 1. The Contrast.
- 2. Joy Theme:

## Conclusion:

- Be United, Be united, Have the attitude of Christ.
- (Be obedient)
- Work out your salvation.
- No Grumbling.

All of these things are great challenging and inspiring call to action.

### Next week's Passage Philippians 2:19-30

- 1. Why does Paul wish to send Timothy and Epaphroditus to the church?
- 2. What does that indicate about Paul's mentality and thoughts toward the church?
- 3. What commendations & character traits does Paul highlight about Timothy?
- 4. What commendations & character traits does Paul highlight about Epaphroditus?
- 5. What kind of men should we hold in high regard?

#### Suggested Application questions:

- 1. Do you struggle with the balance of our work verse God's work in our salvation? If so how? How have you made sense of it through these bible verses?
- 2. Can a Christian hold a grudge or bitterness indefinitely and still be a Christian? Can a Christian displease God with their complaints? Why or why not?
- 3. How does not grumbling show our innocence and blamelessness, prove to be lights etc?
- 4. Confession time =) Have you had an attitude of complaining / grumbling / disputing recently? For you, where does that attitude come from?
- 5. How has the study so far motivated you toward proclaiming Christ and Evangelism?