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PHIL 2:12-18

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## Philippians 2:12-18

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked

## Philippians 2:12-18 cont.

And twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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# #SHORTALK

1. Talk or conversation concerning one's work or particular pursuit.
2. To discuss matters related to one's job or a particular pursuit using a lot of technical jargon related to that specific business or field.



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## Philippians 2:12 (ESV)

**12 (a) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence,**

**Therefore...Paul was encouraging them to continue to “obey” (hypakouein)**

**This “obey” was always used within the sphere of religion in which the Divine Word was received by hearing, and when applied, always translated into action.**

To “obey”... having paid attention to what was taught and then walking it out.

## Philippians 2:12 (Passion)

12 (a) My beloved ones, just like you’ve always listened to everything I’ve taught you in the past, I’m asking you now to keep following my instructions as though I were right there with you.

## Philippians 2:12 (ESV)

12 (b) work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

Paul is not saying:

- “Work for your salvation,”
- or, “Work on your salvation.”
- He says to, “Work out your salvation.”

So, what does it mean to work out your salvation?



## Philippians 2:12 (Amplified)

**12 (b) work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).**

## Philippians 2:13 (ESV)

**13. for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

**Paul is revealing to us, that God Himself, is the one who places in us the desires and the abilities to do what He wants us to do, and then diligently works to have His plan completed in us for His ultimate purposes**

## Philippians 2:13 (Amplified)

13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

(Passion) - 13 God will continually revitalize you, implanting within you the passion to do what pleases him.

## Philippians 2:14 (ESV)

**14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing,**

- **Based on my past experiences, it seems like a good deal of the western church has completely forgotten that Philippians 2:14 is still in the Bible.**
- **Paul doesn't say to stop grumbling and complaining just within the church walls...it says do "all" things**

## Philippians 2:15 (ESV)

15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

“Blameless” means:

- We represent Christ well, and we live in such a way that neither God nor man can accuse us of not living up to who we say we are as a follower

## Philippians 2:15 (Message)

**15 Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God.**

**Without blemish doesn't mean "perfect"**

- **It pertains to being sure that what people see in us, matches what they would expect from one who represents God by word or practice.**

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There is no way we can be an effective witness to a “broken and twisted generation” if we are constantly frustrating God’s work by the way we act and what people see in us.

## **Philippians 2:16 (ESV)**

**16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.**

- **Paul wanted the Philippian church to continue serving and being an effective witness in that culture**
- **Like a proud coach, Paul longed to see that his investment in the people and the Church in Philippi, ended up being a useful torch bearer for the Kingdom**



## **Philippians 2:17 & 18 (ESV)**

**17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.**

**18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.**

**One of Paul's most predominate themes was always finding joy, satisfaction, and ultimate fulfillment in who he was in Christ and being content with his role in sacrificing everything to represent and promote the Kingdom here on earth.**

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Just like Christ,  
Paul's mind-set was  
to be completely  
submitted to the  
will of the Father.

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It didn't matter to Paul if he was rich or poor, free or in jail, preaching or making tents, or even whether he lived or died... being content to walk out God's plan for his life was his ultimate priority.

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