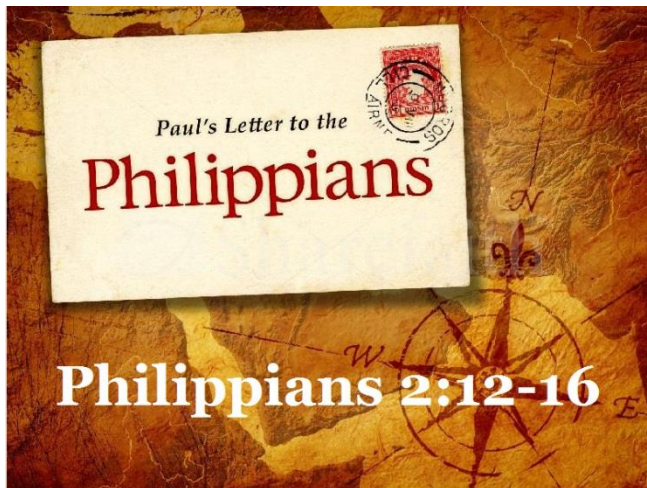




Paul is concerned with the spiritual walk of the Philippians. He praises them for their obedience but wants them to continue their growth by working out their salvation. God is sovereignly controlling their lives, so they are to do all things without grumbling or dispute. They are to show constantly that they are innocent in a crooked world and to stay close to the Word of Life, which is the revealed Word of God.

- Preview Introduction
- To Will and To Do Philippians 2:12-13
- Hold Fast the Word of Life Philippians 2:14-16



TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES	APPLICATIONS
Believers are to work out their own salvation, with fear and trembling.	We need to continually work at our spiritual development as God is working in us, by His Holy Spirit.
People cannot <i>work for</i> their salvation, but they can <i>work out</i> their spiritual position.	We must constantly struggle for victory over our sin nature. We must view ourselves as set-apart for service to our coming King.
Believers are to do all things, commanded by Christ, without complaining.	We must always remember who Christ is and what he has done for us. This will give us a proper perspective on doing all things without complaining or grumbling.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. What were the believers to do with their own salvation (2:12)? _____
2. How were the believers to treat their own salvation (2:12)? _____
3. Who is it that is working in you (2:13)? _____
4. What is the purpose for working in you (2:13)? _____
5. How are we to do all things (2:14)? _____
6. What are we to become when we do all things (2:15)? _____
7. As children of God we are in the midst of what (2:15)? _____
8. Even so, we are to do what in the world (2:15)? _____
9. What are we to do with the word of life (2:16)? _____
10. What was Paul concerned about (2:16)? _____

Study Questions

1. Read PHILIPPIANS 2:12 and concentrate on **Human Responsibilities** for salvation.
 - ❖ What does it mean to **work out** one's salvation?
 - ❖ Why does it mean to **work for** one's salvation?
 - ❖ Is there a distinction?
 - ❖ Which position is Paul advocating? **Hint:** we are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-10).
 - ❖ What does the phrase, "**FEAR AND TREMBLING**" mean in this context?
2. Read PHILIPPIANS 2:13 and concentrate on **Divine Responsibilities** for salvation
 - ❖ How is God involved in your salvation?
 - ❖ What work does God provide?
 - ❖ What does the phrase, "**to WILL AND TO DO**" mean?
 - ❖ What is the goal of the Divine working in you?
3. Contemplate on the meaning of Salvation.
 - ❖ What are the three tenses of salvation?
 - ❖ How does understanding the three tenses of salvation provide perspective to your journey here on earth?
 - ❖ What exactly are you saved **from**? In general? In each salvation tense?
 - ❖ What are you saved **for**? **Hint:** Ephesians 2:10.
 - ❖ How does that affect the way you live your life?