

## SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD 06-02-19



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### **2** Php 2:12-13 **WORK OUT—SALVATION—FEAR AND TREMBLING**

(12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

(13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Eph 2:10

(10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Rom 8:28-30

(28) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

(29) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

(30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

#### **Php 2:13, GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU.**

God's grace is at work in His children to produce in them both the desire and power to do His will. However, God's work in us is not one of compulsion or irresistible grace. The work of grace within us (**Php 1.6; 1Th 5.24; 2Ti 4.18; Tit 3.5-7**) is always dependent on our faithfulness and cooperation (**Php 2.12,14-16**).

### **3** Pro 14:27 **FEAR OF THE LORD—FOUNTAIN OF LIFE—MEN DEPART FROM EVIL**

(27) The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Pro 16:6

(6) By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

**Working out our salvation is so vital that it must be performed "with fear and trembling."**

## **FEAR AND TREMBLING.**

In the salvation accomplished through Christ, we find room for "fear and trembling." All children of God should possess a holy fear that trembles at God's Word (**Isa 66.2**) and causes them to turn away from all evil (**Pr 3.7; 8.13**). The fear (Gk. *phobos*) of the Lord is not, as is often defined, merely "reverential trust," but includes an awe of God's power, holiness, and righteous retribution, and a dread of sinning against Him and of the consequences that may follow (**cf. Ps 5.7; 85.9; Pr 14.27; 16.6**);

### **4** Php 2:14-15 **w/o MURMURING/DISPUTING-HARMLESS/BLAMELESS—SHINE AS LIGHTS...**

(14) Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

(15) That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

**MURMURINGS** 1112 γογγυσμός goggusmos gong-goos-mos'

1) a murmur, murmuring, muttering

1a) a secret debate

1b) a secret displeasure not openly avowed

**DISPUTINGS** 1261 διαλογισμός dialogismos dee-al-og-is-mos'

1) the thinking of a man deliberating with himself

1a) a thought, inward reasoning

1b) purpose, design

2) a deliberating, questioning about what is true

2a) hesitation, doubting

2b) disputing, arguing

**BLAMELESS** 273 ἄμεμπτος amemptos am'-emp-tos

AV-blameless 3, unblameable 1, faultless 1; 5

1) blameless, deserving no censure, free from fault or defect

**HARMLESS** 185 ἀκέραιος akeraios ak-er'-ah-yos

1) unmixed, pure as in wines or metals

2) of the mind, without a mixture of evil, free from guile, innocent, simple

### **5 IMPORTANCE OF WORDS AND THOUGHTS... INCL. HOW TO'S...**

Isa 55 use God's thoughts – Php 2:5 mind of Christ

Psa 17:3-4 purposed my mouth not to transgress; kept safe by Word of God

Jas 3:6 tongue a world of iniquity

Jas 3:2 bridle the whole body

Psa 34:12-13; 1Pe 3:10 desire life?—keep thy tongue from evil

Psa 39:1 keep my mouth with a bridle

Psa 141:3 watch my mouth – door of my lips

Pr 13:3 keep mouth – keep life

**6** Pr 18:21 death and life in the power of the tongue  
Pr 21:23 keep mouth and tongue – keep soul from evil  
Jas 1:26 bridle not tongue – deceives his heart  
Zeph 3:9-(3)-20 pure language – no deceitful tongue – no guile  
Eph 4:15 speak truth in love – grow up in Him  
4:25 speak truth  
4:29 no corrupt communication out of mouth  
4:31 no evil speaking  
5:4 no evil speaking

**7** Php 2:16-17 **HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE**

(16) Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.  
(17) Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

**Php 2:12, Note 1: WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION.**

As believers saved by grace, we must work out our salvation unto the end. If we fail to do this, we will lose the salvation bestowed on us.

(1) We do not work out our salvation by mere human effort, but by means of the grace of God and the power of the Spirit given to us.

(2) In order to work out our salvation we must

- (a) resist sin,
- (b) follow the desires of the Holy Spirit within us,
- (c) use every God-appointed means for defeating evil, and
- (d) manifest Christ's life in and through us.

Working out our salvation focuses on the importance of sanctification (see **Ga 5:16-17**);

**8** Gal 5:16-17 **THE IMPORTANCE OF SANCTIFICATION**

(16) This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

(17) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**WALK G4043** περιπατέω *peripateō* per-ee-pat-eh'-o

From **G4012** and **G3961**; to *tread all around*, that is, *walk* at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively to *live, deport oneself, follow* (as a companion or votary): - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

**Ga 5:17, THE SPIRIT AGAINST THE FLESH.**

The Spirit and the flesh are thoroughly opposite, fully diametrical extremes. The Spirit is of God, is God, completely pure and holy. The flesh is of the earth, prone to sin and worldliness. The

believer who has accepted Christ and His shed blood for remission of sin is therefore faced with a decision to determine

1. whether he will wholly surrender to the inclinations of the "flesh" (i.e., the sinful nature) and return to the dominion of sin, or
2. whether he will yield to the demands of the Holy Spirit and continue under the dominion of Christ (**Ga 5.16; Ro 8.4-14**).

The battlefield is within the Christian himself, and the conflict must continue throughout his earthly life if he is to eventually reign with Christ (**Ro 7.7-25; 2Ti 2.12; Re 12.11**).

**9** Romans 7:24-25 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?  
I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.  
2 Timothy 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:  
Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

**SUFFER** 5278 ὑπομένω hupomeno hoop-om-en'-o

AV-endure 11, take patiently 2, tarry behind 1, abide 1, patient 1, suffer 1; 17

1) to remain

1a) to tarry behind

2) to remain i.e. abide, not recede or flee

2a) to preserve: under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ

2b) to endure, bear bravely and calmly: ill treatments

Obviously the Apostles Paul and John did not believe in unconditional eternal security. Their message is crystal clear that victory over sin and the flesh requires

(1) a full surrender and commitment to Christ and His Word,

(2) a yielded and obedient walk in the Holy Spirit,

(3) a proper confession of faith conducive to their powerful salvation, and

(4) a godly lifestyle and works that prove their faith.

## **10** Rom 12:1-2

(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### **YOUR BODIES – ACCEPTABLE TO GOD**

Presenting your body a "living" sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God is virtually impossible by the believer's own abilities and efforts alone aside from a commitment, obedience, and yieldedness to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**SANCTIFICATION** is a work of the Holy Spirit accomplished with the cooperation of the believer. It is a joint effort in holiness. Without submissiveness to the holiness work of the Holy Spirit in the believer, sanctification of the believer's "body" is impossible. The Holy Spirit will not usurp the will of the believer.

## **11 A PRAYER AND CALL TO COMPLETE SANCTIFICATION**

1Th 5:22-23

(22) Abstain from all appearance of evil.

(23) And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL.** Deny it, run from it, hate it, refuse it, even the very appearance of evil.

**PRACTICE HOLINESS,** and righteousness. Seek it, absorb it, walk in it, speak it, perform it, love it, promote it, encourage it in others, worship God in the beauty of holiness.

## **12 STAND STRONG IN THE LORD... AGAINST THE WILES OF THE DEVIL.**

Eph 6:10-11

(10) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

(11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Wile: a trick or stratagem intended to ensnare or deceive; also: a beguiling or playful trick; skill in outwitting: trickery, guile.

The Christian is engaged in a spiritual conflict with evil. This spiritual conflict is described as a warfare of faith (**2Co 10.4; 1Ti 1.18-19; 6.12**) that continues until he enters the life to come (**2Ti 4.7-8**).

(1) The believers victory has been secured by Christ Himself through His death on the cross.

Jesus waged a triumphant battle against Satan,

(a) disarmed the evil powers and authorities of wickedness (**Col 2.15; cf. Mt 12.29; Lu 10.18; Joh 12.31**,

(b) led captive a host of captives (**Eph 4.8**), and

(c) redeemed the believer from Satan's dominion **Eph 1.7 Ac 26.18 Ro 3.24 Col 1,13-14**.

(2) At the present time Christians are involved in a spiritual warfare that they wage by the power of the Holy Spirit (**Ro 8.13**):

(a) against the corrupt desires within themselves (**1Pe 2.11**);

(b) against the ungodly pleasures of the world and temptations of every sort (**Mt 13.22; Ga 1.4; Jas 1.14-15; 1Jo 2.16**), and

(c) against Satan and his forces. Believers are called upon to separate themselves from the present world system, hating its evil (**cf. He 1.9**); overcoming and dying to its temptations (**Ga 6.14; 1Jo 5.4**), and condemning openly its sin (**cf. Joh 7.7**).

(3) Christian soldiers must wage war against all evil, not in their own power (**2Co 10.3**), but with spiritual weapons (**Eph 6.10-18; 2Co 10.4-5**).

### **13** IN THE WARFARE OF FAITH CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED UPON TO

- (a) endure hardships as good soldiers of Christ (**2Ti 2.3**),
- (b) suffer for the gospel (**Mt 5.10-12; Ro 8.17; 2Co 11.23; 2Ti 1.8**),
- (c) fight the good fight of faith (**1Ti 6.12; 2Ti 4.7**),
- (d) wage war (**2Co 10.3**),
- (e) persevere (**Eph 6.18**),
- (f) conquer (**Ro 8.37**),
- (g) be victorious (**1Co 15.57**),
- (h) triumph (**2Co 2.14**),

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- (i) defend the gospel (**Php 1.6**),
  - (j) strive for the faith (**Php 1.27**),
  - (k) not be alarmed by opponents (**Php 1.28**),
  - (l) put on the full armor of God,
  - (m) stand firm (**Eph 6.14**),
  - (n) destroy Satan's strongholds (**2Co 10.4**),
  - (o) take captive every thought (**2Co 10.5**),
  - (p) become mighty in war (**He 11.34**), and
  - (q) contend for the faith (**Jude 3**).

We work out our salvation by ever drawing near to Christ and receiving His power to will and to work for God's good pleasure. Thus we are "laborers together with God" (**1Co 3.9**) **in bringing our salvation to completion in heaven.**

### **15** Php 2:14-15 **SHINE FORTH AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD**

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