

If Jesus Is Our Lord . . .

Philippians 2:12-18

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*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,*

“This verse does not say, ‘work *for* your salvation’ or ‘work *toward* your salvation’ or ‘work *at* your salvation. It says, ‘work *out* your salvation.’ And no one can work his salvation out unless God has already worked it in.”

– James Boice

*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 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, holding fast to the word of life (vv.14-16a).*

B. We will demonstrate our ongoing obedience to God.

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

“So when you have a hunger to know what is right in God’s eyes, when you care about his glory, when you willingly submit to his will, when you forsake your plan for his plan, and when you find joy in surrendering to his lordship, you know that you have been visited by rescuing grace.”

- Paul David Tripp

*He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. (Colossians 1:28-29)*

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B. We will work on being positive witnesses to unbelievers around us.

“Every moment of our obedience is an evidence of and a celebration of the grace that not only forgives but rescues, and not only rescues but transforms.”

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