LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Thirteen • Philippians 2:12-13

A Workout That Works

Christians Who Work Out

Building Christian unity through Christlike humility calls for WORKING OUT what God works in us.

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, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13

Three Dimensions of Salvation

- Salvation involves a CHANGE in the past (justification).
- Salvation involves a DESTINATION in the future (glorification).
- Salvation involves a JOURNEY in the present (sanctification).

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1. We WORK OUT Our Salvation in Obedience!

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Working Out Your Salvation

- The FOUNDATION: "Therefore, my beloved"
- The RESOLUTION: "as you have always obeyed"
- The MOTIVATION: "with fear and trembling"

2. God WORKS IN You for His Good Pleasure!

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The Link

FAITH is the God-ordained link between God's work and our work in salvation.

God's Greater Work and Our Lesser Work

To suggest this is an EQUAL division of labor—my work plus God's work gets it done—shrinks the scope of what God actually does within us.

God's Work In Us

God is working in us to WILL and to WORK: God works in us by producing "want to" (will) and "can do" (work) for our good and His glory.

A Word of Caution

- Trying to live a vs. 12 life (without vs. 13) leads to LEGALISM.
- Trying to live a vs. 13 life (without vs. 12) leads to LAZINESS.

A Workout That Works in God's Gym

Be a Philippians 2:12 & 13 Christian.