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# WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION

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# Philippians 2:12-13

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“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

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

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“I venture to put it to you, it is perhaps one of the most perfect summaries of the Christian life to be found anywhere.”

~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones  
*The Life of Joy*, pg. 160

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**Work out your  
salvation, because God  
is working in you!**

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# I. Paul's Three Part Exhortation



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- “Therefore” – Paul's words in verses 12-18 are directly related to what he already said in verses 1-11.

1. My presence or absence isn't *essential* to their sanctification.

“...not only as in my presence  
but much more in my  
absence...”

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“The Christian life is something that we have as a possession within us, and though every teacher and preacher were silenced, and every instructor banished, it would not ultimately

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matter...there is often a kind of slavish dependence upon men, a kind of personal attachment; and, of course, when the teacher goes, the person dependent upon the teacher

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tends to collapse. How often  
have we become over-  
dependent upon persons and  
have thereby robbed ourselves  
of some of the greatest benefits  
of the Christian life.”

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1. My presence or absence isn't *essential* to their sanctification.
2. Work out your gift of salvation with fear and trembling.

“...work out your own  
salvation with fear and  
trembling.”

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“But God, being rich in mercy,  
because of the great love with  
which he loved us, even when  
we were dead in our trespasses,  
made us alive together with  
Christ – by grace you have been  
saved...”

~ Ephesians 2:4-5

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- Justification

- Justification
- Sanctification

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- Glorification

“If we don’t pay attention, we’ll weaken the reality that the church is actually a group of people meant to represent the image of Christ.”

~ Matt Chandler

*To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain*, pg. 83

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3. God is at work in you,  
which is why your 'work' will  
work out!

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

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“Am I aware of his interference in my life and of that disturbing, that persuading, that interrupting, that whole movement of God that makes me feel that I have felt ‘the Presence that disturbs me

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with the joy of elevated thought.’  
Have I felt the hand of my Maker  
upon my soul remaking,  
remolding me? That is the truth  
about every Christian. God is  
working in you. Thank God

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for such a doctrine that assures me that in spite of my sin and all my unworthiness, God, who made the whole universe and who sustains everything that he has made, is fashioning this

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life of mine until, ultimately, he  
will produce a perfect product,  
and I shall stand and see him  
face to face.”

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