Philipians 2:12-13 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

<u>Work</u> out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at <u>work</u> in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

#### Work = effort & action

#### "Work out your own salvation..."

Salvation, in the Greek, carries the meaning to be saved or <u>delivered</u>.

We need to be delivered <u>from</u> sin, self, the world, and Satan.

We need to be delivered for fellowship with God.

**1 Cor 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Work out your own salvation *with fear*..."

*with fear* = *reverence* for God

**Rom 1:20** "For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power, and divine nature, have been <u>clearly seen</u>, being understood through what has been made, so they are without excuse".



#### **Clearly seen**

**Job 1:8** "...there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil"

**Job 42:5** I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; <u>but now my eye sees</u> <u>Thee</u>...

**Philippians 3:7-11** But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the <u>fellowship</u> of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

#### "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling..."

**<u>Trembling</u>** = The Greek carries the meaning, *quaking with fear*.

We should be in a state of quaking with fear of the self, the flesh, the old man, the me, myself, and I.

#### **Tremble thy self**

"The heart is more deceitful than all else, and desperately sick; who can understand it" **Jer 17:9.** "...And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment" **Isa 64:6.** "For the mind of the flesh is death (separated from Life)...because the mind of the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God" **Rom 8:6-8.** 

And Paul, twenty years after his conversion wrote in **Romans 7:18** "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh."

**1Cor 2:3** I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much <u>trembling</u>,

**2Cor 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being <u>transformed</u> into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work <u>for His good</u> <u>pleasure.</u>

**Gen 1:27** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Eph 2:1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

**Rom 8:29** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

**1 Cor 15:22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

**1 Cor 15:45-49** So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam *became* a lifegiving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

**Heb 1:1** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**Cor 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into <u>fellowship</u> with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**2 Pet 3:18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

# **2 Pet 3:18**, "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

## This is His good pleasure

Heb 8:10-12 FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. "AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. "FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL **REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."** 

#### God's "Work"

**Tit 2:14** who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to <u>purify for</u> <u>Himself a people for His own possession,</u> <u>zealous for good deeds.</u>

### **Our "Work" - Yielding**

**Rom 12:1** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

**Rom 6:13** and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

#### **God's Promise**

**2 Pet 1:4** For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become <u>partakers of *the* divine nature</u>, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

**2 Co 5:17** Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

**Gal 4:19** My children, with whom I am again in labor until <u>Christ is formed in you</u>—

#### We are the temporary dwelling

"Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and *purify for Himself* a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." "Therefore, you are to become complete, just as your Heavenly Father is complete." (1Cor 3:16; 6:19-20; Titus 2:14; Matt 5:48)

#### **Be Transformed**

**Romans 12:1-2** "*I urge you* therefore brethren by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is you spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

# The Reality of Indwelling in His Sanctuary (Our bodies)

**1 Cor 6:19-20** "*Or do you not know* that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body".

#### **Process of Salvation**

**2** Corinthians 3:18 gives us the overview of this process of Salvation; "But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, *are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord the Spirit.*"

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