

Work Out Your Own Salvation

(Philippians 2:12-16)

- Introduction:
1. In spite of what many may say, works do play a role in our salvation.
 - a. Not in the sense of merit.
 - b. But in the sense of obedience.
 2. We must be obedient if we want Heaven (Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21-23).
 3. Our salvation is two-fold.
 - a. Without Christ we could not be saved (Hebrews 9:22).
 - b. Without our own determination, we could not be saved (Acts 2:40).
 4. This lesson examines what we need to do in order to work out our own salvation.

I. Put Your Faith In God, Not Man

- A. (Philippians 2:12).
- B. Our obedience and lifestyle needs to be real and genuine, not something we put on to impress or gain the favor of another.
- C. People you highly respect will come and go and inevitably disappoint you — if your faith is in them, what then?
- D. Your faith needs to be your own (Joshua 24:15).

II. Take Responsibility For Your Own Life

- A. Shifting blame is cowardly and ineffective (Genesis 3:12-13).
- B. When we sin, it is our fault — When we choose a path away from God it is because of our desires (James 1:14).
- C. You always have a choice to do right (1 Corinthians 10:13).
- D. Blame builds a wall that keeps us from humility and repentance.

III. Know Your Bible

- A. Are you going to work out your own salvation, or are you going to risk letting someone else work it out for you?
- B. (2 Peter 1:10).
- C. It's sad to think how many people have been willingly led to their own destruction (Matthew 15:14; 2 Peter 2:1-2).

IV. Live As Lights To The World

- A. (Philippians 2:15).
- B. (Jeremiah 17:10).
- C. (Matthew 18:6).

- Conclusion:
1. The Lord teaches us that we can take measure to secure our own salvation.
 2. Have you worked out your own salvation.