

rejoice [my choice.]

PART 6

A SERMON SERIES ON PHILIPPIANS

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WORK IT OUT

CHOOSING TO LIVE OUT MY SALVATION

Philippians 2:12-18

WHAT IT MEANS TO REJOICE:

*To dwell on **God's grace**
and let it **define** my life
—**reveling** in it—
because it **supersedes** any and every other thing!*

3 PARTS OF SALVATION

Act 1: **JUSTIFICATION**

Act 2: **SANCTIFICATION**

Act 3: **GLORIFICATION**

THE BIG IDEA

"Act 2" is all about **WORKING OUT** your salvation.

God is working **IN** while I am working **OUT**! (v. 13)

1. God works in my heart to make me **WILLING**.

2. God works in my heart to make me **WORK**.

HOW TO WORK IT OUT:

1. Choose to **REJOICE** not **GRUMBLE**. (v. 14)

2. Choose to **AGREE** not **ARGUE**. (v. 14)

3. Choose to live **BLAMELESS** not **CORRUPTED**. (v. 15)

4. Choose to hold fast to the **GOSPEL** not **PREFERENCES, TRADITIONS, ETC.** (v. 16)

WHY TO WORK IT OUT:

For God's **GLORY**, others' **GOOD**, and your **JOY**. (v. 17-18)

Today if you would hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as they did in the wilderness. – Psalm 95:7-8

HOMework



Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

1. **Read Philippians 2:12-18.**
2. Verses 12 and 13 are one continuous thought. In verse 12, what request does Paul make of his beloved church?
3. Notice the terminology Paul uses in verse 12: “working out” your salvation, not “working for” or “working to keep” your salvation. God’s grace is absolute and limitless, and the work of salvation through Jesus is complete and finished forever (see **John 10:27-30** and **Ephesians 1:13; 2:8,9**). We did not do anything to achieve our salvation, but we must do something to exhibit it. We can put to work, or use, what God has placed in us.
4. In what ways can we work out our salvation in our everyday, practical living?
5. What type of attitude are we to have as we work out our salvation? Explain what you think this attitude means.
6. According to verse 13, who enables us to live a life that honors God?
7. What do you think “according to His good purpose” (NIV) / “for the sake of His good pleasure” (NET) means?
8. **Read Philippians 2:14-16 again.** These verses specifically instruct us how to live out the salvation that God has worked in us. According to verse 14, what are we to avoid?
9. Why are complaining (grumbling) and arguing so harmful in the life of a Christian and the life of the church?
10. If we don’t give in to complaining and arguing, what is the result, according to verses 15-16?
11. A transformed life is an effective witness to the power of God’s Word. Do you think you are shining brightly in your universe, or are you clouded by complaining and arguing? Explain your answer.
12. Look for ways to work “out” your salvation this week (without complaining or grumbling, of course). Pray for an opportunity (or opportunities) to show God’s love to other people.

This week’s study taken from: <https://bible.org/seriespage/6-attitude-joy>

