

## WORKOUT YOUR SALVATION

**Christ has given us a perfect example of how we are to live and what we are to live for** - Phil 2:5-13 - 5 **Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:** 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! 9 **Therefore** God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 **THEREFORE,** my dear friends, as you have **always obeyed** — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — CONTINUE TO WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to HIS GOOD PURPOSE.

**\*Do what he says and make sure you're doing it exactly how he said it because he is God and you don't want to be in God's wrath.**

**His relationship with the Father was solid because of His submission** -Heb 5:7-10 - 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

**We must realize EVERYONE by themselves has failed** - Rom 3:9-18 - 9 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. 10 As it is written: "**THERE IS NO ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;** 11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." 13 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." 14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 ruin and misery mark their ways, 17 and the way of peace they do not know." 18 "**THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.**"

**We have to recognize how serious our "Salvation" is** - Heb 2:1-4 - We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2 For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 **how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?** This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

**God's final wrath hasn't happened yet because His mercy and love shown through patience are for us to have every chance to repent** - 2 Peter 3:8-15 - 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? YOU OUGHT TO LIVE HOLY AND GODLY LIVES 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort TO BE FOUND SPOTLESS, BLAMELESS AND AT PEACE WITH HIM. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

**WARNING: Do not ignorantly think Grace has given us a pass to live how we want, but know if we do not live reverent what happened to those in the past Will happen to us** - Rom 11:17-21 - 17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, 18 do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: **You do not support the root, but the root supports you.** 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." 20 **Granted.** But **THEY WERE BROKEN OFF BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF, and YOU STAND BY FAITH. DO NOT BE ARROGANT, BUT BE AFRAID.** 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, HE WILL NOT SPARE YOU EITHER.

**What does it mean to work out our salvation with Fear and Trembling?**

**We all must answer to God**

Matt 12:36-37 - 36 But I tell you that men WILL HAVE TO give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Rom 14:12 So then, each of us WILL GIVE an account of himself to God.

**After our past sins have been forgiven, we must live a life responsible to God** - 2 Peter 1:8-11 - 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has FORGOTTEN THAT HE HAS BEEN CLEANSED FROM HIS PAST SINS. 10 **THEREFORE**, my brothers, **BE ALL THE MORE EAGER TO MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE.** For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**To pursue following God as Jesus did** - 1 John 2:5-6 - 5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him MUST walk as Jesus did.

**Jesus did exactly what God commanded** - John 14:31 but the world must learn that **I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.** "Come now; let us leave.

**God's mercy and Grace are priceless and we each will be judged how we lived in this world based on it** - 1 Peter 1:17-19 - 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in REVERENT FEAR. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

**Characteristics of those living in fear and trembling will be evident** - Rom 2:7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

### **How do we work our salvation with Fear and Trembling?**

**It may seem minor, but we MUST recognize all our plans are dependent on God NOT on us** - James 4:13-17 - 13 **NOW LISTEN**, you who say, "Today or tomorrow WE WILL go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, **you ought to say, "IF IT IS THE LORD'S WILL,** we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. 17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

**Working-out our salvation will require us to devalue self and correctly value God** - Phil 3:7-9 - 7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

**The Bible is the main tool needed to live in fear and trembling** - 2 Tim 3:15-17 - 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**We must pay attention to our lives and doctrine** - 1 Tim 4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because IF you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**Watch** - epecho (ep-ekh'-o); to hold upon, i.e. (by implication) to retain; (by extension) to detain; to pay attention to: (give (take) heed unto, hold forth, mark, stay).

**Trust nothing, test everything** - 1 Thess 5:21-22 - 21 **TEST EVERYTHING.** Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil.

**We must stop just listening and Do IT** - James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. DO WHAT IT SAYS.

### **Go to God if you have questions, but NEVER question God**

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Rom 9:19-21 - 19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" 20 But **WHO ARE YOU, O MAN, TO TALK BACK TO GOD?** "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

**Though it may feel discouraging we must be ready to accept undesirable circumstances and situations** - 1 Cor 7:17-24 - 17 Nevertheless, **each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.** This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. 18 Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? →

→ He should not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. 20 Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. 21 Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you — although if you can gain your freedom, do so. 22 For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 Brothers, each man, AS RESPONSIBLE TO GOD, should remain in the situation God called him to.

**\*No Matter your background, condition, talent or what you lack you must do what God says.**

**\*No Matter what situation, location, position, despite how good or bad must be responsible to God**

**We must live worshipping God CORRECTLY with thankfulness** - Heb 12:28-29 - 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

**We have to remove ALL filth in our lives and pursue all the helpful things God has offered us -**

2 Cor 7:1 - Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

1 Peter 2:1-3 - Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**We must recognize EVERYONE'S position in life BASED ON CHRIST** - Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**Example concerning those we answer to** - Eph 6:5-8 - Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

**Living in reverence for God must be continued until we die** - Heb 6:9-12 - 9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case — things that accompany salvation. 10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11 We want **each of you to show this same diligence TO THE VERY END,** in order to make your hope sure. 12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

**Stop worrying about man (including self), who has limited effect on our lives, but Fear God who has eternal effects on our lives** - Matt 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**If we do not live in reverence, it will be our eternal demise and our choice** - 1 Thess 5:4-9 - 4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 **For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath** but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.