

## **THE OUTWORKING OF YOUR PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION Pt. 1** (Philippians 2:12-16)

### **I. PAUL'S EXHORTATION FOR UNITY MARKED BY HUMILITY (2:1-4)**

### **II. THE HUMILIATION OF JESUS CHRIST (2:5-8)**

### **III. THE EXALTATION OF JESUS CHRIST (2:9-11)**

### **IV. THE BELIEVER'S PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION (2:12-16)**

A. The connective “*Therefore*” informs us that the revelation that will \_\_\_\_\_ hinges on what has \_\_\_\_\_, namely the shame of Christ’s cross, and the glory of His exaltation. (2:12a)

B. The Apostle could not refrain from commending the believers in Philippi because over the past ten years, they apparently had a very \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Christian walk. (2:12b)

C. It is obvious that the Philippians were not mere \_\_\_\_\_, but even in Paul’s absence they put into practice the concepts of true spirituality. (2:12c)

\* How can we understand this verb, “*obeyed*” and why is it so misunderstood today? (v. 12)

\* What does the phrase, “*now much more in my absence*” seem to indicate?

D. The apostle (who was never satisfied status quo) commanded them to “*work out your own salvation,*” suggesting that they were to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the sanctification process. (2:12d)

\* How is this phrase, “*work out your own salvation*” often misconstrued in religious or legalistic circles today?

1. The salvation that Paul is referring to is \_\_\_\_\_ salvation, not \_\_\_\_\_ salvation.
2. A person cannot work \_\_\_\_\_ his salvation, but he can work \_\_\_\_\_ his salvation by daily abiding in Christ. (John 15:1-5)

\* How should we view this "*fear and trembling*"? (v. 12)

E. The divine activity is literally an \_\_\_\_\_; "*God energizes in you...*" which comes from within the \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer and the indwelling Spirit of God. (2:13a)

1. Conclusively if the believer in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's will and \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Spirit's strength, he/she is not having their work empowered by Him.
2. The prepositions "*to \_\_\_\_\_*" and "*to \_\_\_\_\_*" underscore the divine purpose for the in working.
3. There are some things that God wills and does that are \_\_\_\_\_ solely on \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 8:28-30; Gal. 3:13; Col. 1:13)
4. However there are plenty of commands in the New Testament that the believer is personally \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill in \_\_\_\_\_ with the in working of God. (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Thess. 4:3-8)

F. The goal of God's in working within each believer is "*for \_\_\_\_\_ good pleasure.*" (Philip. 2:13b; Eph. 1:5-9)

\* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?