

## **Working Out Our Salvation**

**Text: Philippians 2:12–18**

### **Introduction**

We cannot earn our salvation by doing good works; it is a gift of God's grace (Ephesians 2:8,9). Yet Paul urges the Philippians to work out their own salvation through bearing the fruit of good deeds in gratitude for God's gift of salvation.

### **Message**

#### **1. Good works are the fruit of faith.**

- a. Christlike living is a product of saving faith (Ephesians 2:10).
- b. Both faith and works demonstrate salvation (James 2:14–16).

#### **2. How to work out our salvation.**

- a. How not to work out our salvation (Luke 18:9–14).
  1. By trying to impress God.
  2. By trying to impress people.
  3. By trying to accomplish a dreadful duty.
- b. How to work out our salvation.
  1. Doing good works is a privilege because God has given us the gift of salvation.
  2. Faithfully — give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).
  3. Eagerly — keep your spiritual fervor (Romans 12:11).
  4. In God's name (see Matthew 7:22).
  5. In cooperation with one another as God's fellow workers (1 Corinthians 3:19).
- c. When to work out our salvation — as long as it is day (John 9:4).
- d. How long do we work out our salvation — until we finish the race (2 Timothy 4:7).

#### **3. Judgment on the basis of works.**

- a. A judgment day for all (2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12,13).
- b. Judgment according to our response to the needs of others (Matthew 25:31–46).

### **Conclusion**

Saving faith produces good deeds for the benefit of others, not for ourselves. We work out our salvation by doing good works that are suitable for saving faith.

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