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# **Philippians 2:12-13**

## **Introduction**

# **Work Out Your Salvation**

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# Philippians 2:12-13

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, v13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

# Doctrine of Sanctification

**Sanctification** is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives (W. Grudem)

- Sanctify: Set apart or declare as holy, consecrate
- Becoming more like Jesus

**Justification** is an instantaneous legal act of God in which He thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us, and declares us to be righteous in His sight. (W. Grudem)

- God legally declaring us to be righteous (although we, ourselves, are not righteous)
- Romans 3:22, 28; 4:1-5, 5:1
- *V5 And to the one who does not work but trusts Him (God) who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness*

# *Therefore, my beloved*

*Therefore:* (Points us back)

- 1:27 *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel*
- Example of Jesus in 2:5-11 Humble obedience
- In our call to sanctification we need to be living a life worthy of the gospel and following Jesus example

*My beloved*

- **Romans 1:7** *To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you*
- Paul refers to Christians as “beloved” meaning loved by God. Why would Paul bring this up?
- If we fail to remember that we are accepted by God in the gospel (faith alone), we will always strive in our sanctification to accepted by God (struggle b/c we are not perfected)

*as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence*

- First thing to note, the church is obeying “*as you have always obeyed*” (evidence of salvation)
  - **1 John 2:3-5** *And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know Him” but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: (Direction not perfection)*
- This is a call to further obedience/sanctification “*so now, not only in my presence but much more in my absence*”
  - Sanctification is progressive (we should not be satisfied)
  - Sanctification must be a reality in private and public life

# Sanctification

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence...*

*Work out your salvation with fear and trembling*