

Phil 2:12-16

- WORKING OF SALVATION -

IN THIS CH "SO FAR" =

① THE PLEA - (1-4)

TO STAND TOGETHER - (ONE SPIRIT)

TO STRIVE TOGETHER - (ONE MIND)

"BECAUSE OF CHRIST" - -

- OUR EXPERIENCE IN HIM -

① CONSOLATION IN CHRIST -

"HIS PRESENCE IN US"

② COMFORT OF LOVE -

"HIS TENDERNESS FOR US"

③ COMMUNION WITH THE SPIRIT -

"WE ARE ONE WITH HIM"

④ COMPASSION FOR OUR MISTAKES -

MERCY = "WE ARE HUMAN" - AS HE

FORGIVES "WE MUST FORGIVE"

⑤ THE PATTERN - (5-11) "OUR CHRIST"

"BE OF THE SAME MIND" - AS CHRIST

"A BOND SERVANT"

"FOR" THE "GLORY OF GOD" &

THE "GOOD OF OTHERS" -

"SERVITUDE" & "SACRIFICE"

FOR "MANKIND" - ADAM'S RACE

NOW; TO THE PROCESS OF SERVANTHOOD -
[12-16] "WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION"

"OBEY" OR "OBEDIENCE" HOLDING TO CHRIST

- WE NEED TO "CARRY OUT" THIS SALVATION
BY FAITH - AND BRING IT TO ITS "ULTIMATE
CONCLUSION" - BY OUR "CONSTANT
AND ABSOLUTE" OBEDIENCE - WITH
"FEAR" + "TREMBLING" -

YOU OBEYED "WHILE I WAS WITH YOU"
"SO" KEEP ON - WHILE I AM NOT -

"REMEMBER" - "OBEDIENCE IS RENDERED
"TO GOD" - "SO" KEEP ON TO "SPIRITUAL
MATURITY" -

"WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION"
INDICATES:

① A PERSONAL SALVATION EXISTS -
"YOUR OWN" = "CHRIST REGENERATION"
"SAVED BY GRACE" - (SALVATION COMPLETE)

② A PERSONAL SERVICE IS EXPECTED -
"WORK OUT" = (CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY)
"GOOD WORKS" (SERVICE THAT IS UNTO
GOD - A COMPLIMENT TO CONVERSION)

GOD NO WHERE -- CALLS UPON AN UNSAVED PERSON TO -- WORK OUT A SALVATION -- THAT HE HAS NOT WORKED IN --

GOD HAS ALREADY ENTERED YOUR LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT -- NOW STRIVE TO EXPRESS THIS SALVATION IN YOUR CONDUCT --

WE ARE RIGHTEOUS "POSITIONALLY" -- (NOW)
GOD EXPECTS US TO MAKE PROGRESS --
"PRACTICALLY" -- (TOTAL OBEDIENCE)

THE IDEA HERE IS:

SALVATION IS MY POSSESSION -- BY THE GIFT OF DIVINE GRACE -- (NOW)

I AM TO "BE MINDFUL" OF WHAT IS "ALREADY MINE" --

IN "WORKING OUT" MY SALVATION -- THERE IS A "PROCESS TO SUCCESS":

I PRACTICE WHAT I POSSESS --

THAT SALVATION -- "WHICH IS MINE"

WITH

MUCH "FEAR" + "TREMBLING"

FEAR = "THE INWARD MOTIVE"

TREMBLING = "THE OUTWARD ATTITUDE"

① A PERTINENT POINT - "WITH" ②
A COMPANION - (FEAR + TREMBLING)

[LEST WE TRUST OURSELVES - OR
ARE TEMPTED TO DO WRONG -]

"BOTH ARE DANGERS"

① THE WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH -

WE NEED TO FEAR THE FLESH - (BECAUSE)
IT IS WEAK + WILL FAIL US -
"EVERYTIME" -

② THE WAYS OF THE WORLD - (BECAUSE)

"THE WORLD IS ALWAYS READY TO CRITICIZE"
+ PASS "JUDGEMENT" EACH TIME WE FAIL -

③ THE WILES OF THE DEVIL -

SATAN IS ALWAYS "TEMPTING US"

"HE KNOWS OUR WEAKNESSES" - (SO)

HE IS EVER SEEKING TO BRAKE DOWN

OUR RESISTANCE - (SO) WE WILL

FALL INTO TEMPTATION - AND

FAIL

③ A PERSONAL PLEASURE - ⑬

"GOD IS OPERATING" ... IN BOTH THE
"WILLING TO" + "WORKING OUT" HIS
GOOD PLEASURE

① IT IS YOU - GOD IS AT WORK IN -
FOR HIS "GOOD PLEASURE" ... HE LOVES IT

HE LOVES TO OPERATE "IN US" ("BUT")
HE NEEDS OUR

② WILLINGNESS TO WORK -

WE NEED TO BE "DOING THE WORK"
THAT HE IS "WORKING IN US"

THE WORD "WORKETH" MEANS:
"TO ENERGIZE" ... "HE PUTS FORTH HIS
POWER" IN US -

- AT ANY MOMENT "WE" IN OUR "CHRISTIAN
SERVICE" FOR CHRIST ... "CAN DRAW"
FROM THIS "ULTIMATE SOURCE" OF !!!
"DIVINE POWER"

④ A POWERFUL PAIR - (GOD + BELIEVER)

"A TEAM" WHICH THE FORCES OF HELL
CANNOT OVERTHROW -

HIS PLEASURE BEING DONE -
MY PLEASURE FULFILLED -

II IN THE PRESENCE OF PERVERSION - (14)
(IN THIS PRESENT WORLD) (15)

- NO "MURMURING" & "DISPUTING" -

THE WORLD IS "CROOKED" & "DISPUTING"
"TWISTED" "MORALLY" & "SPIRITUALLY"

IT IS:

FOLLOWING ITS "OWN PATTERN" &
REFUSING TO "RECOGNIZE GOD"

"LIKE ISRAEL" - (WHO REFUSED GOD'S SON)

VS IS BE GOD'S SONS = "CHILDREN OF GOD"

A OUR GARMENT - (15)
"BLAMELESS" & "HARMLESS"
(WITHOUT MURMURING)

[WHEN "MURMURING" IS ALLOWED -
"DISPUTING" WILL BE THE RESULT -]

DISPUTING BREAKS OUR FELLOWSHIP
WITH GOD & OUR TESTIMONY IN THE WORLD
(DON'T JOIN THE DEVIL'S CROWD)

WE ARE THE GARMENT OF
"OBEDIENCE & PEACE"

SHINE AS LIGHTS - IN THE WORLD -
=====

③ OUR GUIDE - "WITHOUT BLEMISH" ⑮
BE THE SONS OF GOD --- "WITHOUT DEFECT"
"NO BLEMISH" --- "SPOTLESS"

THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF CHRIST &
NOW - HIS SONS
WORK AT IT

④ OUR GOAL - ⑯

CHRIST AS OUR PATTERN - "THE WORD"

WE HAVE GOD OPERATING IN US ---

"SO"

WE ARE TO "LUMINATE" "THE DIVINE"
"LIGHT OF CHRIST" --- AND ---

CARRY IT

TO THE FULL CLIMAX --- THE ---
"DAY OF CHRIST"

"SO"

"DON'T RUN & LABOR IN VAIN"

(THE LORD IS COMING) KEEP WORKING
OUT YOUR SALVATION

STOP

Phil 2:17-30

EXAMPLES OF CHRIST

① WHAT AN AWAKENING -- WHEN WE FIRST
BEGAN TO REALIZE -- WHAT IS REQUIRED
OF US "AS CHRISTIANS" --

YOU SAY: "I HAVE BELIEVED -- AND THAT IS
ALL THAT'S REQUIRED" --- THEN ---
WHEN READING THE BIBLE -- "WE"
REALIZE!

"GOD WANTS US TO CONFORM TO THE
"IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST" --

② WELL -- "THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE" -- "LOOK"
AT: HIS LOVE, -- HIS COMPASSION,
HIS WISDOM, -- HIS HOLINESS -- ect.
"NO WAY" -- YET, IT'S REQUIRED --

③ THIS REQUIREMENT IS GOD'S STANDARD --
SO:

④ GOD PROVIDES SUPERNATURAL RESOURCES
TO MEET THEM --

⑤ GOD IS OUR SOURCE -- TO PUT THESE
"HIGH PRINCIPLES" INTO PRACTICE --

LOOK AT THE EXAMPLES IN = ~~PHILIP~~ (US 17-30)

I PAUL, AN EXAMPLE OF SACRIFICE =

VS 17

I AM TO BE OFFERED UPON THE
SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF YOUR FAITH

PAUL SAYS:

"MY LIFE WILL SOON BE OFFERED UPON"
"A PAGAN ALTAR": "BUT"

MY LIFE IS NOT THE IMPORTANT THING
PHILIPPIANS "YOUR FAITH" -- THAT
IS THE IMPORTANT THING

② HIS ULTIMATE SACRIFICE - ①7

I BE OFFERED:

① OFFERED - "POURED OUT"

A PAGAN SACRIFICE -- "A ANIMAL KILLED
& BURNED ON THE ALTAR -- "WHILE HOT"
WINE -- "POURED OUT" -- WOULD
"DISAPPEAR IMMEDIATELY" -- IN A
PUFF OF STEAM -- & BE GONE --

PAUL WAS PLACING HIS ACHIEVEMENT
& CHRISTIAN SERVICE -- (EVEN HIS
OWN MARTYRDOM) -- ON A LOW
SCALE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE --

② SYMBOLIC MEANING - (JOY + REJOICE)
- WINE WAS USED O.T. SACRIFICES -
(NUM 15: 4-12)

THE MORE IMPRESSIVE SACRIFICES
"REQUIRED" "GREATER AMOUNTS OF WINE"

WINE: SYMBOLIC OF JOY + EXHILARATION
IN THE BIBLE ... IT COULD BE SAID:

✓ "THE GREATER THE SACRIFICE -- THE
GREATER THE JOY" -

WE CAN LOSE HAPPINESS ... SINCE IT DEPENDS
ON "WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US" ... WHILE
"JOY" IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT -

"JOY IS CENTERED IN CHRIST"

③ THEIR RECOGNIZED SUPPORT - (18)
"FOR THE SAME CAUSE" - "DO YE"

THEY WERE SUPPORTING PAUL:

• HIS FINANCIAL + MINISTERIAL NEEDS

THEY WERE TO REJOICE IN HIM ... AS
HE REJOICED IN THEM -

WHAT AN EXAMPLE OF SACRIFICE
& SELFLESSNESS -

II) TIMOTHY, AN EXAMPLE OF SERVICE - 19-24

Vs 19 ~~19-24~~

① HE WAS READY TO BE SENT -

"OPEN TO GOD"

(Is 6:8)

- HERE AM I - SEND ME -

TIMOTHY - HAD HEARD THE VOICE
OF GOD & DEDICATED HIMSELF TO
"GOD"

"INTO ALL THE WORLD - OR
DOWN THE STREET"

① AS A SON - (22) WITH "PAUL"
"BROUGHT HIM TO FAITH IN CHRIST"
THOUGHT HIM TO BE A LOYAL FRIEND

② AS A SERVANT - (22)
"HE SERVED WITH ME"

ON PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

③ TOILING WITH ME -
- shoulder to shoulder -

④ TOTALLY COMMITTED - TO
THE (SPREADING & SHARING)
- "THE GOSPEL" -

(B) HE HAD THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE -

same ① LIKE MINDED - (20) (WITH PAUL)

CONCERN - GREEK MEANING ~~IS~~ ^{IS} VAGUE -
- COMPASSION -
HERE

② IT COULD MEAN: "UNIQUE" -- NO
ONE "QUITE LIKE HIM" --

— HIS RELATION TO CHRIST & PAUL —

③ NO ONE ELSE COULD DO THIS
PARTICULAR JOB -

"HIS, (OUR), JOB TO DO" - - -
- SERVICE TO KINGDOM -

④ IN CONTEXT, TIMOTHY WAS LIKE
PAUL -

"PAUL'S ATTITUDE OF MIND"

⑤ CONCERN FOR OTHERS - (20)
"NATURALLY CARE FOR THEM"

- TRUE SHEPHERD -

THE DISPOSITION OF A SHEPHERD -
FAITHFUL CARE & PROTECTION

⑥ TIMOTHY PUT CHRIST FIRST - (21)

① YOU CAN PUT YOUR POSSESSIONS FIRST -

② YOU CAN PUT YOUR PLEASURE FIRST -

③ YOU CAN PUT YOUR PLANS FIRST -

JESUS SAID: "WHERE IS YOUR HEART"

AL EPAPHRODITUS, AN EXAMPLE OF
SERVING UNTO SICKNESS - (25-30)

~ "FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST" HE WAS SICK

(A) HIS RECORD - (25)

① PAUL'S BROTHER IN CHRIST -

② PAUL'S COMPANION IN GOD'S WORK -

③ FELLOW ~~ARMY~~ SOLDIER -
~~WARRIOR~~

(B) HIS REPORT WITH THEM - (26-27)

① THEY SENT HIM TO MINISTER TO
PAUL - (25C)

② THEY HEARD HE WAS SICK - (26)

③ THEY LOOKED TO SEE HIM - (28)

④ WE ARE REMINDED THAT:

"TRAGEDY AND MISFORTUNE" ARE IN
LIFE... ALONG WITH... "HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS" - OUR "FAITH"

IS OUR ANCHOR... TO SECURE US -
(IN BOTH)

BLOWS - AND - BLESSING - OF LIFE

① HIS REPUTATION WHEN SICK - 28-30

- SOME HAVE TAUGHT THAT HEALTH IS A BIRTHRIGHT OF CHRISTIANS -

- SOME SAY SICKNESS IS A RESULT OF SIN LIKE JOB'S COMPLEXTIONS -

- SICKNESS, SOME SAY, IS A SIGN OF GOD'S CHASTENING -

EPAPHRODITUS' SICKNESS -- WAS FROM HIS SERVICE FOR GOD -

"6 weeks AT LEAST" - FOR IT TOOK THAT LONG TO TRAVEL FROM ROME TO PHILIPPI IN HIS ILLNESS!

① HE STAYED THE COURSE -

② HE SERVED PAUL'S NEED - (25)
"FELLOW WORKER"

③ DEATH COULD NOT TAKE HIM -
GOD CONTROLS LIFE & DEATH
WITH GRACE & MERCY -

STOP