

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS SERIES:

Joy in Christ

Philippians 2:12-18

Time to Shine

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The Content:

Philippians 2 v 12-18

1. Work *out* with what Christ is working *in* you
2. Shine in a dark world
3. Joy in sacrifice



Philippians 2 v 12-13 (NIV)

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 in order to fulfil his good purpose



Working out your own Salvation: The Misconceptions

Philippians 2 v 12-13

- We have to figure it out ourselves! 😱
- We have to *'work for'* our salvation 🥵
- The tone and context of the chapter was *not a stern rebuke* or *admonition* (fear & trembling)
- Paul's command can be viewed from an *individual* and a *corporate* perspective



Working out your own salvation: What does it mean?

Philippians 2 v 12-13

'Work out' (katergazomi) – To *continually work* to bring something to fruition or completion – (alluding to a process)

- Justification – We are made 'right' with God through faith in Christ Jesus who paid the sacrifice for sin on the cross
- Sanctification – The ongoing process of being made 'holy' to become more like Christ and to be used God's special purpose
- Glorification – When Christ returns, sin will be finally removed from the saints and the sanctification process will be complete

Philippians 2 v 14-16



The call to Shine in a dark world

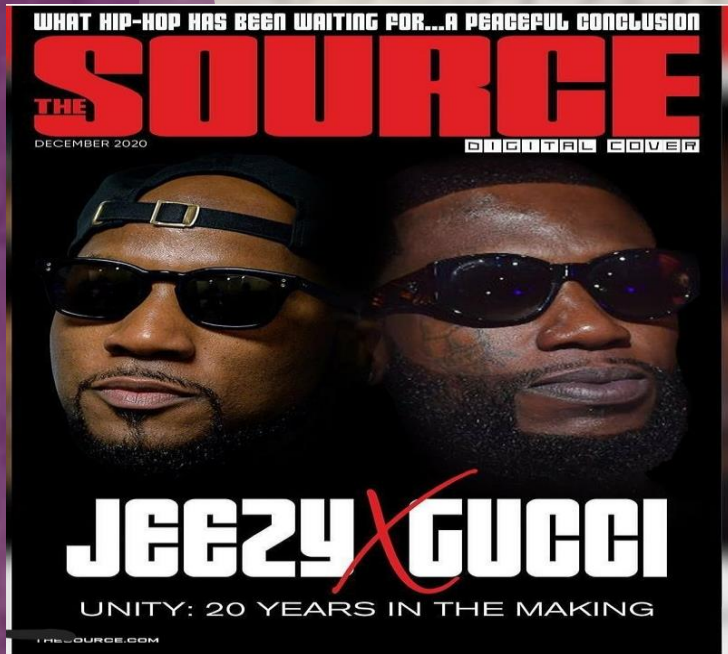
Philippians 2 v 14-16



¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing,
¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure,
“children of God without fault in a warped and
crooked generation.”^[c] *Then you will shine
among them like stars in the sky* ¹⁶ *as you hold
firmly to the word of life.* And then I will be able
to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run
or labor in vain.



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PRIDE IS
CONCERNED WITH
WHO IS RIGHT

HUMILITY
IS CONCERNED WITH
WHAT IS RIGHT



How do we avoid it?

Philippians 2 v 16

- **'Address it' – Matthew 18: 15-17:** *'If a brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him. If he hears you, you have gained a brother.'*
- **'Let it go' – Proverbs 17:14:** *'starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; So drop the matter before a dispute breaks out' – The want or 'lust' for vindication*
- **'Work on it' – Colossians 3:12-13:** *'Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, long suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.'*

Philippians 2 v 17-18



The joy in sacrifice



Philippians 2 v 17-18

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Conclusion



- How will you allow the awareness of Christ at work in you to compel you to become more like Him?
- Are there arguments and disputes that need addressing or things we need to 'let go'?
- What are you willing to sacrifice for the Kingdom?

