

WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read Text: **Philippians 2:1-13.**
- B. Regarding the text:
 - 1. The letter to the Philippians is a letter of encouragement and exhortation.
 - 2. **Chapter 2**: The Christian's Pattern. Christ is to be our pattern for living... humility.
 - 3. Without humility men cannot attain salvation (**Matthew 18:4; James 4:10**).
- C. One of the first steps to our salvation is humility.
 - 1. NOTE: **Philippians 2:12.**
 - 2. When we realize our condition, we will be humbled to the point of action.

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

II. "WORK OUT..."

- A. Work out means to fully obey to completion.
 - 1. Follow instructions until a task is finished (**Genesis 6:22**).
 - 2. Note: **Matthew 10:22; Act 20:24; Act 21:13.**
- B. We can come short.
 - 1. **Hebrews 4:1-2; Hebrews 4:11.**
 - 2. We can depart: **Hebrews 3:12.**
 - 3. Men can **stop short** of eternal salvation.
- C. Each person must finish his own race.
 - 1. We must not grow weary or faint in life's race.
 - 2. **Hebrews 3:14; Galatians 6:9.**

III. "YOUR OWN SALVATION..."

- A. Salvation is PERSONAL! We must do our own work.
 - 1. Note these verses showing individual requirements:
 - 1) **Mark 16:15-16** "every creature... he that believeth..."
 - 2) **Acts 2:38** "...every one of you..."
 - 2. To the seven churches of Asia (**Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21**).
- B. Each of us must overcome the temptations of the world.
 - 1. Many learn and obey... then turn back (**2 Peter 2:18-22; Proverbs 26:11**).
 - 2. No one can force us to either OBEY or to REMAIN FAITHFUL.
- C. We will all stand alone in judgment (**2 Corinth 5:10; Romans 14:10**).

IV. "WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING."

- A. Note these two words:
 - 1. FEAR = (FOBOS) alarm or fright (Strong's).
 - 1) **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.**
 - 2) The word is translated "terror" in (**Romans 13:3**).
 - 2. TREMBLING = (TROMOS) "A nervous and trembling anxiety to do right."
 - 3. The reason for "fear?" Realize there is a danger of losing the soul.
- B. It comes from the serious nature of daily life.
 - 1. Our responsibility to God. He has provided every good thing FOR us (**Psalms 34:4-9**).
 - 2. How can we not think seriously when our souls are hanging in the balance (**Matthew 16:24-26**).
 - 3. One life... One soul... One chance! A serious thought (**Hebrews 2:1-3**).

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. What is more important than your soul?
- B. God acted on our behalf to provide salvation.
- C. Now we must act so as to receive this blessing.