

## Phil 2:12-18

For this reason – relating back to previous contexts, both immediate and extended, especially 1:27-2:11

- I. Continually work out your own salvation
  - to its ultimate conclusion which is Christlikeness  
in other words, being blameless and pure, perfect children of God, cf. v. 15
  - A. How?
    - 1. With an attitude of fear and trembling  
*Cf. Psa 2:11; Prov. 1:7, 9:10; 1 Pet 1:17*
    - 2. With obedience
    - 3. Not only while in my presence, but much more in my absence
  - B. Why? Because God is working
    - 1. In you – *cf. Jn 15:5; 1 Cor 15:10; 2 Cor 3:5*
    - 2. Purpose of right action and motivation
    - 3. Purpose of effective action
    - 4. All this according to His good pleasure and purpose
- II. Do all things – things as defined in the rest of the book
  - A. How?
    - 1. Without grumbling
    - 2. Without disputing
  - B. Why? - To be blameless and pure
    - 1. i.e. perfect children of God
    - 2. In the midst of a corrupt and perverse world
    - 3. Shining like stars – *cf. Dan 12:3*
    - 4. By holding fast to the Word of life
  - C. Result – Paul will rejoice in the day of Christ  
*Cf. 1:6,10*
    - 1. Because he didn't run in vain
    - 2. Because he didn't labor for nothing – *cf. Isa 49:4, 65:23*
- III. Paul rejoices
  - A. Paul is glad and rejoices with them (same word used twice, compound in 2nd)
    - 1. Even if he is spent (killed) on behalf of their faith
    - 2. Like a drink offering is poured out to finish a sacrifice  
*Cf. Num 15:3-12, 28:7,14*
    - 3. Paul is willing to give his life if that is what it will take to complete his faith and theirs
  - B. You should also be glad and rejoice with him in the same way  
(Same words as v. 17)  
– *cf. 3:1, 4:4*