**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***An Exhortation to Christlikeness*** *(Pt 3 cont.)*

**Philippians 2:12-18**

I. The ***Call*** To Live A Christlike Life

vv 12-13

 A. Living A Christlike Life Requires ***Obedience*** *(v 12)*

What Paul was saying was that just as ***Jesus*** was obedient, so ***we*** must also be obedient.

Paul was not saying that salvation can be achieved through human ***effort*** or by human accomplishment. *(Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7)*

Salvation is not the result of ***man***’s works, it’s the result of ***God’s*** work!

In the Greek, the words that are translated ***“work out”*** literally mean “to thoroughly develop, to carry out to the ***goal***, to bring to its ultimate conclusion.”

*The ultimate goal of the Christian life is* ***Christlikeness.***

The Greek word that is translated ***"fear"*** means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or respect.

The word ***“trembling”*** is a reference to a healthy fear of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God through disobedience. ***(Psalm 2:11)***

**B. Living A Christlike Life Requires** *(v 13)*

The phrase ***“work out”*** - that’s \_\_\_\_ job; the phrase***“work in”*** - that’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ job.

The Christian life is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it’s a joint venture, it’s a mutual cooperation between us and God.

The word translated **“work”** in **v 13** is a word from which we get our English word “energy or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

As Christians it’s our responsibility to carry our salvation to its ultimate goal, always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on God who gives us the power to do it!

**II. The Of A Christlike Life**

**vv 14-18**

In these verses, Paul says there are ***2 things*** that characterize such a life**:**

**A. A Holy** *(vv 14-15a)*

These verses literally shout out the urgency for Christians to live \_\_\_\_\_\_ lives in an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world!

The word translated ***“grumbling”*** refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ undertones; while the word ***“disputing”***refers to heated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. A Healthy \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_** *(vv 15b-18)*

As believers we are called to stand out as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world. ***(Matthew 5:16)***

The phrase ***“holding fast to the word of life”*** has a **2**-fold meaning**: *1)*** We are to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Word, and ***2)*** We are to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Word.

**Conclusion:**

***For the believer, the most important thing in all of*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***is to be like Christ!***

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