

Work out Your own Salvation! (Philippians 2:12-18)

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REVIEW

NEW EXPOSITION

1. [Based on Christ obediently humbling Himself] the Philippians must (in his absence), produce their own deliverance (2:12)

A. Work out is *katergazomai* (*kata* + *ergazomai*; our word *energize* comes from *ergazomai*)
Work out = produce

It does not mean “Let your salvation be outworked”

B. Some illustrations: *katergazomai* has an active sense, e.g., to produce
Rom 5:3 ... we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation **produces** perseverance.

Rom 7:8 But sin...**produced** in me all manner of evil desire.

Rom 7:13 But sin...was **producing** death in me.

Rom 7:15 For what I am **doing**, I do not understand.

C. What does *salvation* mean here?

Does it mean being regenerated (saved from the lake of fire)?

Does it mean being spared alive in this life (temporal deliverance)?

Does it mean being delivered rewardable into God's presence (future)?

Is this passage parallel to Philippians 1:19ff

2. [They are to produce their deliverance] since God works His purposes in them (2:13)
3. The Philippians ought to do all things without complaining and disputing (2:14)
4. The purpose for not complaining is to be God's blameless children in this perverse world (2:15)
5. They become God's blameless children in a perverse world by holding the life-giving word (2:16a)
6. The purpose for being God's blameless children is to lack shame at the Bema (2:16b)
7. Paul rejoices at their sacrificial service in faith, as his life is poured out as a libation (2:17)

Numbers 28.

Does Paul's use of sacrificial terminology speak of him expecting execution?

8. The Philippians should rejoice in their sacrificial service in faith and join Paul in rejoicing (2:18)

CONCLUSION