

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Philippians Bible Study

Philippians 2:9-18 Lesson #5

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Philippians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

9-11 Therefore **God also has highly EXALTED Him and given Him the NAME which is ABOVE every name**, that at the name of **JESUS every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should **CONFESS** that Jesus Christ is **LORD** to the **GLORY** of God the Father.”

• **Ephesians 1:20-21** “Which He wrought in Christ when He _____ Him from the _____, and set Him at His own _____ in the _____ places, far _____ all principality, and _____, and _____, and _____, and every _____ that is _____ not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

Definition: “**At the NAME of JESUS every knee should bow**” – Does this mean that everyone in the world will be saved? No, this means that at the **JUDGMENT SEAT** of God, **every unbeliever will have to acknowledge that Jesus is God**, and they will know **too late** that they should have put their faith in Him. They will be thrown into the lake of fire for **NOT** having put their faith in Jesus during their lifetime, but they will still have to **ACKNOWLEDGE** Him, that He is the Christ and that He is Lord.

• **Isaiah 45:23-24** “I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to _____ every _____ shall _____, every _____ shall take an oath. He shall say, ‘Surely in the _____ I have righteousness and strength. To _____ men shall _____, and all shall be _____ who are incensed _____ Him.’”

12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **WORK OUT your own SALVATION with FEAR and TREMBLING**; for it is **GOD who WORKS IN you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

• **II Corinthians 7:15** “And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the _____ of you all, how with _____ and _____ you received him.”

• **Psalms 33:8** “Let all the earth _____ the _____, Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in _____ of _____.”

Definition: “**WORK OUT your own SALVATION with FEAR and TREMBLING**” – The meaning of “trembling” here is more of our having an attitude of **HUMILITY** before God. The **FEAR** mentioned here is the “Fear of the Lord,” which means **reverential AWE and RESPECT for God**, especially as **EVIDENCED** by **OBEDIENCE** to His commands and **DOING** His will. The New Testament equivalent is **HOLY** living, being filled with the Spirit, and “walking in a manner worthy of the Lord.” Some people have trouble with the concept of **FEARING** God, because it seems like a negative thing, or has connotations of punishment or abuse from a parent in their childhood. If this is your case, whenever you see the words “fear of the Lord” or “fear God” just substitute “obedience to the Lord” and “**OBEY** God.” Some people just don’t like the idea of fearing God, because they want a “touchy-feely” religion, and want to think of God **ONLY** as a loving, indulgent Heavenly Father. Well, God **IS** a loving God, but He is not indulgent - **He practices “tough love.”** There are negative consequences for disobeying

God, just as there are positive consequences (blessings) for obeying God. **The meaning of “WORK OUT your own SALVATION”** is to DEMONSTRATE your salvation on the outside, showing what is already INSIDE you by faith in Christ. It doesn’t say work FOR your salvation, because we could never do that. It says WORK OUT your salvation. **You have to already HAVE salvation before you can put it to WORK and work it OUT in front of others.**

- **Proverbs 16:6** “By mercy and truth iniquity (sin) is purged (cleansed); and by the _____ of the _____ men _____ from _____.”
- **Psalms 31:19** “O how great is Your _____, which You have laid up for them that _____ You, which you have wrought for them that _____ in _____ before the sons of men!”
- **Psalms 33:18-19** “Behold, the _____ of the _____ is upon _____ that _____ Him, upon them that _____ in His _____, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”
- **Psalms 34:7** “The _____ of the _____ encamps round about them that _____ Him, and _____ them.”

Definition: “GOD who WORKS IN you” – Here is the second part of working out our salvation - **God is the one working it out from the inside, by His dwelling in us by the HOLY SPIRIT** (also called the Spirit of Christ). The Holy Spirit gives us the POWER and ABILITY to live out our new life in Christ. We can’t earn our salvation by works, and we don’t have to work to keep it. The “working out” that Paul spoke of is the natural outworking or manifestation of what is going on inside us as we walk with Jesus. **In other words, you can’t “work it out” in your life if you don’t have Jesus already IN YOUR HEART**, but you must submit to His will in your life daily. If we let Jesus lead us and let Him become LORD in our lives, then **His image** or picture will be formed in us.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** “For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that _____ of _____, it is the _____ of _____; not of _____, lest anyone should boast.”
- **Philippians 4:13** “I can do _____ through _____ who _____ me.”
- **Romans 8:28-29** “And we know that _____ things _____ together for good to those who _____ God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be _____ to the _____ of His _____, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”
- **II Timothy 1:7** “For God has _____ given us a _____ of _____, but of _____ and of _____ and of a sound mind.”
- **I John 4:13 & 15** “By this we know that we _____ in Him, and _____ us, because He has given us of His _____.”
- **John 15:4-5** “_____ in _____, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear _____ of itself, unless it abides in the vine, _____ can _____, unless you _____ in _____. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who _____ in _____, and _____ in _____, bears much _____; for without Me you _____ do _____.”

14-16 **Do all things WITHOUT MURMURING and DISPUTING**, that you may become **blameless and harmless, children of God without fault** in the midst of a CROOKED and PERVERSE generation, among whom you SHINE as LIGHTS in the world, holding fast the WORD of LIFE, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ **that I have not RUN in VAIN or LABORED in VAIN.**

- **Galatians 2:2** “And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that _____ which I _____ among the Gentiles, but privately to those who

were of reputation, _____ by any means I _____, or had _____, in _____.”

• **I Corinthians 10:9-11** “Nor let us tempt _____, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor _____, as some of them also _____, and were _____ by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as _____, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of ages have come.”

Definition: “Do all things WITHOUT MURMURING and DISPUTING” – MURMURING means grumbling and COMPLAINING, especially under ones breath, but also out loud. **DISPUTING** means ARGUING. We see in the Old Testament, when the Israelites were being led in the wilderness by Moses, that **their MURMURING and COMPLAINING brought a heavy punishment - DEATH.** God is gracious to us, and the punishment for grumbling and complaining is not death anymore, but the **Old Testament Israelites are still to be an EXAMPLE to us of something we SHOULD NOT DO.**

• **I Peter 4:9** “Be hospitable to one _____ without _____.”

• **Numbers 14:2** “And _____ the _____ of _____ against Moses and Aaron, and the whole _____ said to them, ‘If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!’”

• **Numbers 16:41** “On the next day all the _____ of the _____ of _____ against Moses and Aaron, saying, ‘You have killed the people of the Lord.’”

• **Numbers 17:5** “And it shall be that the rod of the man whom I choose will blossom, thus I will rid Myself of the _____ of the _____ of _____, which they _____ against you.”

Definition: “BLAMELESS and harmless, children of God without FAULT” – God is the One who makes and DECLARES us blameless in His sight. We are to try our best to follow Him and keep His commandments, but we can never make ourselves pure and without fault or sin, only God can do that through Jesus Christ.

• **Luke 1:6** “And they were both _____ before God, walking in all the _____ and ordinances of the Lord _____.”

• **I Thessalonians 3:13** So that He may establish your hearts _____ in _____ before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord _____ Christ with all His saints.”

• **Jude 24** “Now to Him who is able to _____ you from _____, and to _____ you _____ before the presence of His glory with exceeding _____.”

Definition: “That I have not RUN in VAIN or LABORED in VAIN” – Many times, the Bible talks about **the Christian life as RUNNING a RACE.** God’s word says we should run that race with the object of winning the prize. To “run in vain” would mean you had entered the race, but dropped out or failed to finish somehow, and that **NOTHING was ACCOMPLISHED.** **Vain means EMPTY, WORTHLESS or POINTLESS.** Paul is NOT talking about running to win our salvation, because salvation is a gift, but rather that **ONCE WE ARE SAVED, it’s as if we’ve signed up for the race,** and now we are running to win a prize. The “prize” or prizes we could win are **the REWARDS we will RECEIVE in HEAVEN for our FAITHFUL SERVICE to GOD (I Corinthians 3:11-15).** Again, it is NOT trying to win, earn or gain our salvation, but rather rewards to be received when we meet Jesus in heaven.

• **Hebrews 12:1** “Therefore, we also, since we are _____ by so great a

cloud of _____, let us lay aside every _____, and the _____ which so easily ensnares us (trips us up), and let us _____ with _____ the _____ that is set before us.”

• **I Corinthians 9:24** “Do you not know that those who _____ in a _____ all _____, but one receives the _____? _____ in such a _____ that you may _____ it. And everyone who _____ for the _____ is temperate (self-controlled, disciplined) in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable _____, but we for an imperishable _____. Therefore I _____ thus: _____ with uncertainty. Thus I _____: not as one who beats the air.”

• **Matthew 25:23** “His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, _____ and _____ servant; you have been _____ over a few things. I will make you _____ over many things. Enter into the _____ of your Lord.’”

• **Romans 14:10** “But why do you _____ your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall _____ stand before the _____ seat of _____.”

17-18 Yes, and if I am being **POURED OUT as a DRINK OFFERING on the sacrifice** and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason **you also be GLAD and REJOICE with me.**

• **II Timothy 4:6-7** “For I am already being _____ as a drink _____, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have _____ the _____, I have kept the _____.”

• **Philippians 4:4** “_____ in the Lord always. Again I will say, _____!”

• **I Thessalonians 5:16-18** “_____ always, pray without ceasing, in everything _____; for this is the _____ of _____ in _____ for you.”

• **Romans 5:11** “And not only that, but _____ also _____ in _____ through our Lord _____, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

Definition: “POURED OUT as a DRINK OFFERING” – Paul is referring to his **SACRIFICIAL MINISTRY** that he was carrying out for the Philippians (and other churches and believers, especially to the Gentiles). In the Old Testament, the Israelites were told to **give to God a DRINK OFFERING along with the many other animal sacrifices and food offerings they performed.**

• **Exodus 29:40-41** “With the one _____ shall be one-tenth of an ephah of _____ mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of an hin of _____ as a _____. And the other _____ you shall _____ at twilight; and you shall _____ with it the _____ offering and the _____, as in the morning, for a sweet aroma, and _____ made by fire to the _____.”

• **Numbers 29:6** “Besides the burnt offering with its _____ offering for the New Moon, the regular burnt _____ with its grain _____, and their _____, according to their ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the _____.”

• **Romans 15:16** “That I might be a _____ of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, _____ the _____ of God, that the _____ of the Gentiles might be _____, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”