

Preparing Your Heart

for the

*Lord's Supper*

this do in remembrance of me

# WORK IT OUT

**PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13**

**WE ARE SUPPOSED TO SHINE BRIGHTLY AS  
LIGHTS IN A DARK WORLD—24/7/365.**

**BUT BEING A LIGHT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY!**

**We need to Work it Out!**

**IS YOUR LIGHT SHINING FOR CHRIST?**

**Are you Working it Out?**

**IS YOUR JESUS BEAM FOCUSED AND STRONG?**

## 2. WAIT A SECOND, WHAT ABOUT GRACE? v. 12

**BAD THEOLOGY ALERT!** ☹️ THIS PASSAGE . . . DOES NOT TEACH THAT YOU NEED TO SAVE YOURSELF . . . THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

- **TO WORK IT OUT** simply means it takes a bit of good old-fashioned effort to be a light in this dark world—it won't happen by osmosis.
- **IN THE GREEK**, the words ***“YOUR OWN”*** are plural.

This verse can certainly be applied to individuals working out their own Christian growth. However, God actually intends His people to work together to grow in Christ.

**WE ARE A TEAM!**

# 3. WE GRIND IT OUT!

Like the last yards of a drive down the football field, we are passing from time into eternity; and the enemy is trying to stop us short of the goal line.

- **IT IS IN THE DAILY GRIND**—the trials, the tests, the difficult situations—of everyday life that our salvation is “*worked out.*”

## WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR SALVATION

- **THE SAVING GRACE IS 100% ON JESUS.** BUT, you get to work out the idiosyncrasies—**THE DAILY DETAILS OF CHRIST-LIKE LIVING WHERE THE RUBBER OF YOUR LIFE HITS THE ROAD. CHOICES FACE US DAILY—WE NEED TO WORK THOSE OUT.**

## 4. WITH THE ETERNAL VALUE IN VIEW

With “*FEAR AND TREMBLING*” is actually reverence and awe. So we work it out by forging a **TEMPORAL LIFE** that expresses the **ETERNAL LIFE** we have been given.

“**HOW WILL THIS ‘WORK’ TO FURTHER OR HINDER THE KINGDOM?**” becomes the question which precedes all earthly endeavors.

We make it our goal to make a strong choice to implement God’s perfect plans. Go for it with everything **YOU HAVE** to accomplish everything **HE WANTS.**

## 5. I WILL DO . . . HIS WILL v. 13

TO BE LIKE CHRIST, WE MUST TRAIN OURSELVES TO **THINK** LIKE CHRIST AND THEN **ACT** LIKE CHRIST.

To change our desires to be more like our Lord's, we need some tools:

1. Power of the indwelling Spirit
2. The influence of faithful Christians
3. Obedience to God's Word (not just exposure to it)
4. Sacrificial service

As Believers, we are, in a unique way, partners with God in the work He wants to do here on this earth.

**GOD WORKS IN BELIEVERS; BELIEVERS DO GOD'S WORK.**

**WE WORK IT OUT.**