

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Isaiah 41:10, 43:1a-3a

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

joy
in the
journey

Paul's letter to the
Philippians



Philippians Overview

Theme: “*The Joy of Lord*”

Outline by Warren Wiersbe:

CH. 1 The Single Mind

- 1/4 “*The Increase of Joy*” (Phil. 1:1-11)
- 1/11 “*The Power of Joy*” (Phil. 1:12-26)
- 1/18 “*The Community of Joy*” (Phil. 1:27-30)
- 2/1 “*Philippians 1 Overview*” (Snow Zoom)

Philippians Overview

CH. 2 The Submissive Mind

- 2/8 *“The Humiliation of Joy”* (Phil. 2:1-11)
- TODAY *“The Fulfillment of Joy”* (Phil. 2:12-18)

CH. 3 The Spiritual Mind

CH. 4 The Secure Mind

TODAY... “The Fulfillment of Joy”

Text: Philippians 2:12-18

Key Verse: *“It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”* – Philippians 2:13

Philippians 2:12-18

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—**continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling**, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “*children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.*” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life.

And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.”

Work out your salvation...

Keep peddling. Don't stop. Put yourself in position for God to do His work in your life.

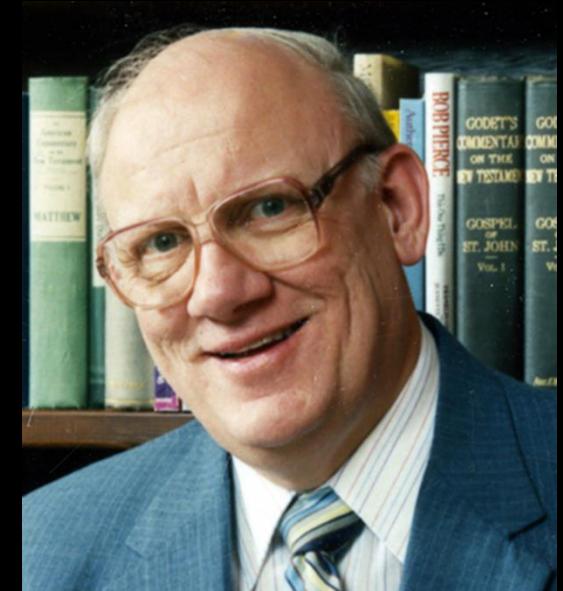
1. Show up (faith)
2. Open up (surrender)
3. Look up (prayer)

Grit & Grind

“Grit and grind first, and then you can relax and chill. If you relax and chill first, the grit and grind gets topped off with stress and scramble.”

A Word from Wiersbe

“The verb ‘work out’ carries the meaning of ‘work to full completion,’ such as working out a problem in mathematics, or working a mine (getting out of the mine all the valuable ore possible) or working a field (getting the greatest harvest possible). The purpose God wants us to achieve is to maximize our fullest potential and gain the greatest yield possible.”



... with fear and trembling.

To work out your own salvation “*with fear and trembling*” means that, as you do so, be sure to maintain a healthy perspective of the awesomeness, holiness, and greatness of God. Don’t be lackadaisical about who God is.

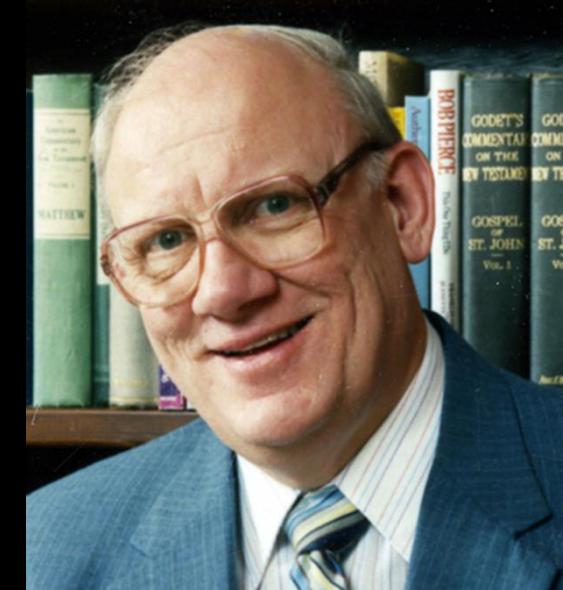
It is God who works in you to will and to act
in order to fulfill His good purposes.

When you show up, God will show up, too.

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”
– James 4:8a

A Word from Wiersbe

“It is not by imitation, but by incarnation. The Christian life is not a series of ups and downs. It is rather a process of ‘ins and outs’. God works in, and we work out. The principle from Paul is that God must work in us before He can work through us.”



Do everything without grumbling or arguing...

Quitcher bellyaching! ☺

The key to moving from grumbling to gratitude is “trust” and “submission,” and the result of submission (Wiersbe) is... JOY!

You'll shine like the stars in a 'crooked and warped generation'

“Crooked and warped generation” is a phrase from “The Song of Moses” in Deuteronomy 32.

...as you hold firmly to the word of life.

God uses 3 tools to work in our lives:

- 1) His Word
- 2) Prayer
- 3) Suffering



Key Thoughts

- God moves us from being ‘Crooked and Warped’ to being ‘Shining Stars’ for all to see.
- God wants us to be in and amongst lost and hurting people, so we can bring them to Jesus.

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

– Jesus (Matthew 5:16)

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We have a choice in how we live.

CROOKED & WARPED

(Foolish / Flesh)

- Grumbling
- Selfish
- Takers
- Complainers

SHINING STARS

(Wise / Spirit)

- Gratitude
- Servant
- Givers
- Rejoicers

Concluding Thoughts

If you see that your life lines up more consistently with the left column more than the right, then you need God *“to work in you to will and to act to fulfill His good purposes.”*

Concluding Thoughts

In order to do that, you need “*to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*” and you need to “*hold firmly to the word of life.*”

Concluding Thoughts

If you do your part, God will do His.

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”
– James 4:8

Concluding Thoughts

Ultimately, God doesn't care as much about what you do, as much as He cares about who you are...

“a child of God without fault, shining like the stars in the sky.”

The Blessing

from Philippians 2:12-16

My dear friends, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure. Then you will be like shining stars in the sky, as you hold firmly to the word of life.