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Working Out: Your Salvation or Your Deliverance? Philippians 2:12–18



What is the role of our works in our eternal salvation?

Overt errors: Adding works at the front door of the gospel.

Faith + baptism (the right kind—immersion, or sprinkling, or three times forward, or three times backward)

Faith + giving

Faith + public confession of faith

Faith + joining a specific denomination/church

Faith + commitment

Overt errors: Adding works at the back door of the gospel.

Lordship salvation: a believer with genuine saving faith will persevere to the end. There may be periods of sinful rebellion, but the true believer will persevere.

Lordship salvation may be defined as the view that saving faith involves a commitment to obedience to the Lord as part of a genuine salvation. In one sense, it is a desire to elevate the commitment of believers to their spiritual life.

Lordship Salvation

- 1. While we are saved by faith alone, the faith that saves is never alone.**
- 2. Saving faith is not like any other faith for it is the gift of God to the elect.**
- 3. The one with genuine saving faith will ultimately produce fruit which validates that faith as the evidence of true salvation.**
- 4. We often hear statements like: did you hear, see, what that person did? how can they be saved?**
- 5. Spiritual growth is inextricably and necessarily connected to justification salvation and those saved will inevitably produce fruit to demonstrate their salvation.**

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Php. 4:1, “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.”

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Php. 1:30, “having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.”

Second paragraph of the main body: Unity, a unified team.

Php. 2:1, “Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

Php. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

Php. 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”

Php. 2:4, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Third paragraph of the main body: Unity, a unified team based on humility and serving one another as illustrated by the eternal Second Person of the Trinity's incarnation.

Php. 2:6, “who, being truly God, did not consider equality with God, something to be grasped after

Php. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

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Php. 1:19, “For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.”

Php. 1:28, “Don’t be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself.”

Php. 2:12, “Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.”

The Message

Php. 1:19, “because I know how it’s going to turn out. Through your faithful prayers and the generous response of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, everything he wants to do in and through me will be done.”

Php. 1:28, “not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition. Your courage and unity will show them what they’re up against: defeat for them, victory for you—and both because of God.”

Php. 2:12, “What I’m getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you’ve done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I’m separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God.”

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Php. 1:28, “in no way alarmed by your opponents — which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.” [NASB95]

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Rom. 4:15, “because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.”

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Rom. 5:3, “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;”

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Rom. 7:8, “But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.”

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Rom. 7:13, “Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.”

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Php. 1:23, “For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

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**ἐνεργέω *energeō*
pres act articular participle
masc sing nom
to work; activate**

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γογγυσμός *goggusmos* masc plur gen
griping, complaining, grumbling,
expressing discontent

διαλογισμός *dialogismos*
masc plur gen
arguing, bickering

2 Cor. 11:22, “Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I.

2 Cor. 11:23, “Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

2 Cor. 11:24, “From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.”

2 Cor. 11:25, “Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

2 Cor. 11:26, “in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

2 Cor. 11:27, “in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—

2 Cor. 11:28, “besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.”