

Philippians 2:12,13**It is God who works in you****Review**

1. God has begun to do a good work in our lives and will complete it (Phil 1:6)
2. We have salvation in Christ
3. The challenge is for us to have the mindset of Christ (Phil 2:5)

The obedience of the church

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,” (Phil 2:12)

1. Ὡστε...conjunction...so then, therefore
2. My beloved
3. The obedience of the church
 - a. The Philippian church had been consistently obedient
 - i. καθὼς...adverb...just as
 - ii. πάντοτε...adverb...always
 - iii. ὑπακούσατε... hupakouo... to hear under, to obey
 - b. Obedience is to listen and to submit ourselves to what we hear
4. Both in the presence and absence of Paul
 - a. In presence of (parousia)
 - b. In absence of (apousia)
 - c. The challenge was for the brethren to be much more obedient in Paul’s absence

The challenge to work out our salvation

“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;” (Phil 2:12)

1. Work out your salvation
 - a. τὴν σωτηρίαν...ho soteria... the salvation...
 - b. κατεργάζεσθε... katergazomai ...work out to express
 - i. It takes energy and effort on our part

- ii. Salvation is meant to be worked out
- 2. Seen in the works of salvation
 - a. There were works of salvation that the church already had
 - b. Seen in the life and ministry of the church
 - c. The challenge is to work out our salvation
- 3. With fear and trembling
 - a. Phobos...fear...a deep reverence
 - b. Trembling...an expression of our fear

The emphasis is on God working in us and not us
 “for it is God who works in you” (Phil 2:13)

- 1. The focus is on God to work in us
- 2. The One working in us
 - a. ὁ ἐνεργῶν...o energeo...the One who is working
 - b. ἐν ὑμῖν ...personal pronoun...in you
- 3. The use of present tense

The empowering work of God
 “both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” (Phil 2:13)

- 1. καὶ τὸ θέλειν καὶ τὸ ἐνεργεῖν
- 2. Internal work
 - a. τὸ θέλειν...thelo...to will or to wish
 - b. God will cause us to have the desire and the will
- 3. External work
 - a. τὸ ἐνεργεῖν...energeo...to be energise and to work, to do
 - b. God will energise us to work and to do
- 4. For His good pleasure