

## Epistle to the Philippians 2:12-18

### Session 6

#### Book Structure

- I. Thankful Prayer (1:1-11)
- II. Paul's Missionary Report (1:12-26)
- III. God's Call to Be Holy (1:27-2:30)
- IV. Doctrinal Polemics (3:1-4:1)
- V. Joyful Partnership (4:2-23)

#### Session Outline

- God's Call to be Holy 1:27-2:30
  - Christian Citizenship 1:27-2:4
  - Christian Humility 2:5-11
  - Christian Obedience 2:12-18
    - Work 2:12-13
    - Character 2:14-16
    - Sacrifice 2:17-18
    - Christian Service 2:19-30

#### Christian obedience: Work

<sup>12</sup> So then, you whom I love, since you have always obeyed, not only when I was present with you, but much more now that I am absent from you, continue putting your salvation to work.

- Obey: Hear and do
- Present/absent: *Par-ousia/ap-ousia*
- Continue: Progressive tense

#### Work theories

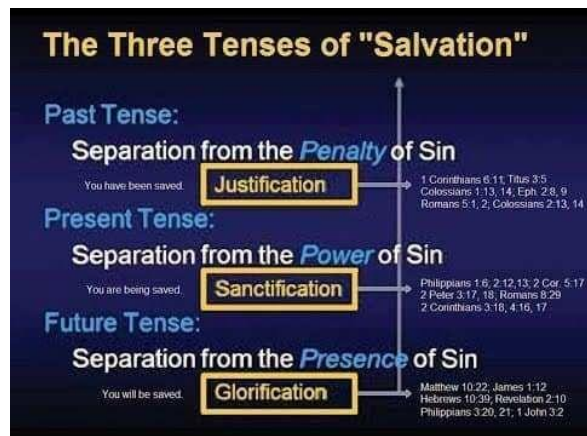
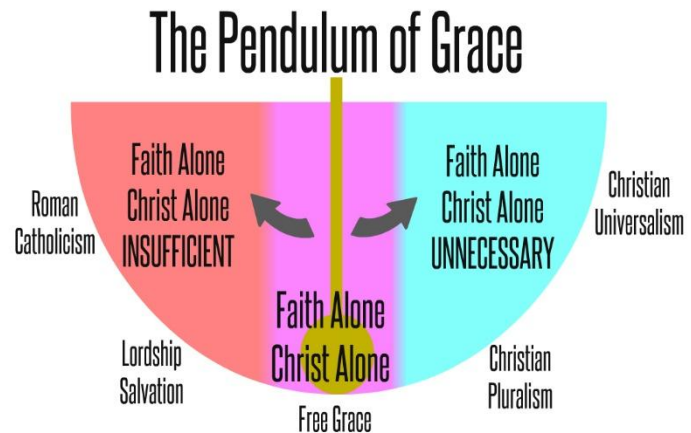
- Earn your salvation by your own effort.
- Keep your salvation by your own effort.
- Earn rewards in heaven by good deeds.
- Already saved, collaborate with God.
- Already saved, collaborate with others.
- Realize the benefits of free salvation.
- Continue putting salvation to work.

#### Christian obedience

- 'Saved by grace through faith(fulness)'.
- 'If you love me, then you will obey me.'
- 'Teach them to obey my commands.'
- 'Believe in God, believe also in me.'
- Jesus gave 300+ commands. See site.
- Conversion: Repent, believe, baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit. Mk 15 Ac 238
- Obedience: Faithful loyalty in action.

#### Christian Salvation

- Initial: Repent and believe the gospel.
- Power: Break harmful addictions.
- Spiritual: Defeat the devil and demons.
- Growth: Character development.
- Health: Healing and sanity.
- Social: Community change.
- Church: Peaceful collaboration.
- Forever: Everlasting life.



### Causes of disease

- Malnutrition: Lacking nutrients.
- Infection: Pathogens parasites, bacteria, viruses
- Toxins: Venoms, chemicals, poisons.
- Stress: Biochemical perturbation.
- Metabolic: Insulin resistance caused by high-glycemic foods (sugar), leading to obesity, strokes, dementia, heart failure, tumors.
- Spiritual: Spite, vengeance, scorn.

### Christian obedience: Work

<sup>13</sup> For God is the one working among you, both to be willing and to be doing what delights him.

- God: 'Let go and let God.'
- Working/doing: energèō, energizing.
- Willing: Set motivating goals.
- Delights: Joyfully obedient.

### Christian obedience: Character

<sup>14</sup> Continue doing everything without grumbling or disputing.

- Continue: Progressive tense.
- Everything: Speech and conduct.
- Grumbling: Expressing discontent.
- Disputing: *dialogismos*.
- Advice: Assume that the Holy Spirit is speak to our leaders.

<sup>15</sup> As a result, you will become blameless and faultless, God's innocent children, in the midst of a crooked, perverted generation, among whom you shine as lamps in the world system.

- Result: *Hina* + subjunctive, may be either purpose or result.
- Crooked: Lawless, criminal behavior.
- Perverted: Immoral behavior.

<sup>16</sup> You do this by holding firmly to Jesus' message about everlasting life. As a benefit to me, I shall exalt when Messiah returns, because I neither ran nor worked without results among you.

- Message: From Jesus & about Jesus.
- Life: Resurrection and kingdom.
- Exalt: To be very glad.

### Christian obedience: Sacrifice

<sup>17</sup> Even though my life is like an offering poured out as a sacrifice, as I serve God by strengthening your loyal faith in Jesus...

- Sacrifice: It costs us to please God.
- Serving: Leitourgia, done for God.
- Faith: Pistis, faithfulness.

I rejoice *alone*, and I rejoice with you all.

<sup>18</sup> In the same way, you, too, rejoice, and you rejoice with me.

- Rejoice: Xairō, to be glad. A promise of Jesus (Jn 15<sup>11</sup> 16<sup>24</sup>), and a 'fruit' of the Holy Spirit (Ga 5<sup>24</sup>).
- With: Syn·xairō.



