

## **“Foundations For the Faithful”**

### ***Philippians 2:12-18***

#### **How many of you have achieved a level of perfection?**

In verses 1-11 we see a perfect example of Christian life through the life of Jesus Christ. The problem with a perfect example is that it is never attainable. How then do we live in Faith? Paul gives us 3 motivators to build that foundation.

#### **Purpose V. 12, 14-16**

“Work out your own salvation” – Paul was writing to the Church to people who had already accepted Christ, “salvation” here is the continuing work of sanctification, of growing in our relationship with God.

- Conform – ***Romans 8:26-30***. Conform to His purpose in His Spirit and His will.
- Work – ***Ephesians 2:8-10*** His work and His plan not ours.
- Worship – ***1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1*** All to His glory.

#### **Power V. 13**

God must work *in* us before He can work *through* us.

God has granted us the same power He gave Christ. ***Ephesians 1:15-23*** All we must do is access it.

- The Word of God – ***1 Thessalonians 2:13*** We must not only accept it as God’s Word but apply it, meditate on it, chew on it, digest it, make it a part of us. “hidden in my heart”
- Prayer – ***Ephesians 3:14-21*** Lining our hearts up to His.
- Suffering – ***1 Peter 4:12-19*** Learning and growth happens and is reinforced in the sufferings or hurts in life.

#### **Promise V. 16-18**

The Promise is Joy.

We pursue happiness, we work hard for the vacation, we work in order to retire then in retirement we either give up and wither or get bored and find something else to do. The world’s method of obtaining joy does not work. ***Luke 14:7-11***

We must let go and allow God to bless with joy. ***Numbers 15:1-10***

#### **Application / Notes**

### **Discussion Questions**

What does 'conform to His image' mean to you?

In what way have you seen God's power at work in your life?

What promise or moment of joy has God given you this week?

### **Homework**

**Read *Philippians 2:19-30***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**Identify one thing or time each day in which you saw God's power or promise.**