

Work out your salvation (Philippians 2:12-18)

Introduction

- What is the theme of our passage?
- Why has Paul written so much about the Lord Jesus Christ in v5-11?

i The power to live a saved life (v12-13)

- What does v12 not tell us to do?
- Why can we never contribute to our salvation?
- How do we need to respond to Jesus, then?
- What does it mean to work out our salvation?
- What have we been saved from?
- How do we live out the implications of this?
- What have we been saved for?
- How do we live out the implications of this?
- How far-reaching is this in our lives?
- How is that going for you?
- What does it mean to work out our salvation with fear and trembling?
- How does that help us?
- How does v13 give us hope?

- What does God say in Zechariah 4:6?
- How far-reaching is God's work in our lives?
- How does II Peter 1:3 encourage us?
- In what way do we work out our salvation, then?
- What should you do if you feel that your spiritual vitality is flagging?

ii The power of a contented life (v14-16a)

- What does Paul tell the Philippians not to do in v14?
- How do we tend to view grumbling?
- What does grumbling show about us?
- What is true of us when we are free from grumbling (v15a)?
- And what does that show about us?
- What then will be true of us (v15b)?
- What will this give us (v16a)?
- How does this challenge us in the West at the moment?
- What needs to be true of our lives?
- What should you do if this is not true of you just now?

Conclusion

- What do we learn about Paul from v16b-18?
- How does this challenge us?