

**"God & You Unlimited—A Powerful Partnership"**

**Philippians 2:12-17 May 5, 2015**

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Prayer Requests & Opening Prayer**

**--Focus Question: What saves us from our sin and for heaven?**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

**1. What does it mean to “work out your salvation” in verse 12? (See also 2:1-14.)**

- **How do you reconcile this idea with Ephesians 2:8-10?**
- **See James 2:14-17. What does this passage add to the conversation?**

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.

**2. About what do you find yourself complaining the most?**

**3. See Matthew 5:14-16 and John 8:12, 9:5, and 12:46. Describe a time recently when you have seen another person’s faith in action shining like the stars.**

- **Describe a time recently when your faith in action shined like the stars?**

<sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

**4. To what verse, passage, story or idea in the Word of God do you “hold firmly”? What Biblical concepts are the most life-giving for you?**

<sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

**5. What do you rejoice in today?**

**6. What saves us from our sin and for heaven?**

**--Closing Prayer**

**Great, Giving, Guiding, Gracious God. Teach us to give thanks for your gift of salvation by responding in good works that shine like the stars. Take away our negative attitudes and replace them with light that shines in dark places. Help us hold firmly to Your Word, which speaks love into to our hearts, minds, and actions. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.**