

Work Out Your Own Salvation
Philippians 2:12-13

Main Point:

With fear and trembling, confidently work out your own salvation, because God is working in you.

1. As a Christian, you must continue to work out your own salvation.

2. Working out your own salvation requires hard work on your part and must be done at all times.

3. Working out your own salvation must be done with fear and trembling.

4. Work out your own salvation with confidence, because God is working in you.

Quotations:

Sinclair Ferguson: “Paul is not thinking here of any ‘good works’ we may contribute to our salvation, but about how we are to respond to the salvation which is ours already in Christ. We are not to work *for* it or work it *up* but work it *out*, that is, to make sure that its influence and implications permeate the whole of our lives.”

Matthew Henry: “The word [work out] signifies *working thoroughly* at a thing, and taking *true pains*.”

Matthew Henry: “We must not only work at our salvation, by doing something now and then about it; but we must work out our salvation, by doing all that is to be done, and persevering therein to the end. Salvation is the great thing we should mind, and set our hearts upon; and we cannot attain salvation without the utmost care and diligence.”

Sinclair Ferguson: “God’s grace does not destroy the individual Christian’s responsibility to be obedient; rather it makes it possible for that obedience to become a reality in every area of life.”

J.A. Motyer: “The Christian life ... is a blend of rest and activity – not alternating from one to the other, but a blend in which, at one and the same moment, the Christian is both resting confidently (for example, on what God is doing within) and actively pursuing (for example, the duty of [working out your own salvation]).”