

## Philippians 2:12-13

### Your Life's Work

Therefore ...

#### I. Work Out Your Faith

- A. What You Profess
- B. Inspires Awe
- C. Calls for Obedience
- D. Requires Diligence

#### II. As God Works in You

- A. What He Has Done
- B. What He is Doing
- C. The Part You Play
- D. How He Sees His Work

... to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Can you describe the Christian faith in a few words?
2. We sing a lot about God's "amazing grace."
  - What is God's grace?
  - Why is it so amazing?
3. Jesus calls us to believe in Him. Does He also call us to obey His commands?
4. Do Christians work to obey God **SO** He will love them or **BECAUSE** He loves them?
5. God is at work in the lives of His children. Does this mean they can just sit back and do nothing? If not, what does it mean for them?

## God's Pleasure

It was God's pleasure to save people. Hard as it is to grasp, it was His will to secure that salvation by sending His Son to die in our place. *It was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.* Isaiah 53:10. But God's pleasure in His redeeming work does not end at salvation. God is working in us what is pleasing to Him. According to our text, God, who is at work in us wills and works in us what is His good pleasure. The question is: how pleased are you to see that work prosper in your life? Are you so thankful to Him for saving you that you find pleasure in doing His will? Is your love for Him expressed in obedience to His commands? Are you inspired enough by His grace so much that you willingly pursue the good works that he has prepared for you? Are you willing to say to the Lord "Your will be done"? I you can sincerely answer these questions along the lines of, "that is my desire and intention, so help me God" you are, with the grace and help of God, striving to work out your salvation. That is something pleasing in the sight of your heavenly Father.