

Philippians – Finding Joy in All Circumstances

Week 5 – Key Verse – *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, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:12-13*

This week we will complete our study of chapter 2 and meet two very important people in Paul's life.

1. Start by reading Philippians 2:12-13.
 - a. Who is to do the work in verse 12?
 - b. In which direction is work being done?
 - c. What is being worked upon and how?
 - d. Who is doing the work in verse 13?
 - e. In which direction is the work being done?
 - f. What is being worked upon and why?
2. **Work out** is the Greek word **katergazouai** which means to perform, achieve, to that from which something results of things, to bring about, result in, to fashion." **Fear** is the Greek word **phobos** which means "dread, terror or that which strikes terror." **To will or desire** is the Greek word **thelo** which means to have in mind, intend, to be resolved, or determined, to purpose, to desire, to wish, to love, to like, to do a thing, be fond of doing, to take delight in, have pleasure." Lastly, **to work** is the Greek word **energeo** which means "to be operative, be at work, put forth power, to work for one, aid one, to effect, to display one's activity, show one's self operative.

Based on these words, how would you explain verses 12 through 13 to a person who has never read the Bible before?

3. Based on Philippians 2:14-15 when are you allowed to grumble?
4. We are told in Philippians 2:16 to hold fast to the word of life. This is the Greek word **epecho** which means "apply, observe, attend to or give attention to." What commands are given in Philippians 2 that would help you hold fast?

5. Lastly, let's look at the qualities of found in Christ, Timothy, and Epaphroditus. Please list the attributes you find in each of these from the passages below:

Mind of Christ	Timothy	Epaphroditus
Philippians 2:5-8	Philippians 2:19-24	Philippians 2:25-30