Work Out Your Own Salvation

Ken Chapman · Philippians 2:12–13

INTRODUCTION

- If we really want to be successful in this thing called Christianity, it's not enough to just show up. It's not enough to just be at the services.
- The important distinction between success and failure is that our Christianity must exist outside the four walls of this building.
- If that's the sum total of your Christianity, you're setting yourself up for failure.

1 It Doesn't Mean a Works-Based Salvation

Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 2:8–10

- It doesn't mean that we have a works-based salvation.
- For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for his good pleasure.
- For by grace you've been saved through faith and not of yourselves. It's the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- Christianity is a balance of understanding the importance of good works while recognizing that those works aren't earning our salvation.

2 It Doesn't Mean You Don't Need Anybody Else

Philippians 2:1–4

- Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- Let each one of you look out not only for his own interest, but for the interest of others.
- So he's not saying that this is a solo operation, that you don't need anybody else.

3 It Doesn't Mean You Choose Your Own Path

Philippians 2:12; Philippians 2:16

- Doesn't mean that you work it out for yourself in the sense that you get to choose your own path to God.
- Holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.
- There's one path, and you have to obey and hold fast to it.

4 Work Out Your Own Salvation Without Paul

Philippians 2:11; Philippians 2:12

- Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
- He's going to call us all individually, every tongue, every knee, every body's going to stand, and so you have some individual responsibility.

- He's not saying work out your salvation without God, but work out your own salvation without Paul.
- You've got to stand on your own two feet. You can't rely on Paul to spoon feed you the gospel and to answer every little question that you have.

5 Bible Study Is My Responsibility

- Bible study, proper knowledge and understanding of the scripture, is my responsibility. And it's your responsibility.
- I or no other preacher is going to be able to stand beside you on the day of judgment. You're going to stand before God alone.
- You have the responsibility to study God's word.
- Not separate and apart from God, but separate and apart from the sermons and the Bible classes here. You've got some work to do.

6 My Daily Walk Is Mine

- Your daily Christian walk is your responsibility.
- Ken, remember you're a preacher, not a policeman.
- When you're at home, the choices that you make, when you're at school at work, it's your decision.
- Nobody from church is here to watch me, to correct me, to shame me if I do it wrong. It's time for me to work out my own salvation.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **It's up to you. Will you obey? Will you allow God to work in and through you for your own good?**

MY NOTES