



“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,” Phil 2:12

Does this passage teach we have the freedom to “invent” our own version of salvation, or that we can “work” for our salvation?

Question 1: Can we come up with our own version of salvation?

- Scripture says there is only _____ Gospel – there is only _____ way to salvation
- Scripture defines the Gospel as ...

Question 2: Can we “work for” or “earn” our salvation?

It is important to notice that Paul says _____ - not _____

So then, what does Paul mean when he says, “work out your own salvation?”

1. Phil 2:12 is addressed to people who are _____
2. Paul is not discussing _____ (how to be saved), but _____ (how to mature once we’re saved)
3. Though we don’t _____ our salvation, it’s incorrect to believe what we do has _____ on our salvation

Scripture teaches that faith without works is _____ (Js 2:17)

The idea that teaching _____ is the same as _____ salvation is as incorrect as the idea that parents who require their children to _____ are teaching them that obedience earns them _____ in the family.

4. Is a believer’s sanctification dependent on _____ or on _____?

- This is an old debate between _____ and _____ sanctification
- We _____ our salvation = “carry out”
- God _____ our salvation

“working/carrying out” is a present-tense imperative verb which indicates an _____ process

It means to _____, bring to _____, or _____ the salvation already given by grace. It is the process of sanctification (living out faith) rather than justification (being saved).

“[W]hat Paul is saying is this: the salvation that is in you needs to be brought out all the way to its fulfillment, to its fullness. It really is a command for sustained effort and diligence in working out what has already been planted within.” John MacArthur, <https://www.gty.org/sermons/50-19/god-at-work-in-you-part-1>

It is how saved people _____ their salvation that God has graciously given them by employing themselves to things which _____ salvation

_____ admitted that he was still being sanctified:

“**With fear and trembling**” implies a _____, _____ approach to spiritual life with a profound _____ for God knowing that we will _____ for what we do in the body whether good or bad (2 Cor 5:10)