

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 5 – Whose Really at Work Part 1

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Philippians 2:12-13

“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, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

In this text we will discover God’s role and responsibility and our role and responsibility in the process of progressive sanctification. God’s power and our responsibility are _____, _____ and _____.

We learn the nature and the extent of God’s power and the importance and the necessity of our effort and we learn that only God’s _____ makes Godly effort possible.

This is an exhortation that the previous description of the Savior isn’t something for us simply to _____, but to _____ to our lives and by the grace of God to emulate.

He reminds them of their long history of _____.

Having reminded them of his love and long history of obedience, he reminds them of their _____.

Our Part:

Work Out

This text does not say work _____ your salvation. Those addressed have already received salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

But, neither does this text say _____, because you have salvation, relax you have salvation.

Our part involves specific _____ and a certain _____.

The specific action is clear... _____.

Make no mistake this is a command and there is effort clearly required. We are _____ in the sanctification process we are not _____.

The direct affect of divine grace upon the heart is to make us active because we will never overcome sin except by _____.

With Fear and Trembling

We do not ask God to work in our place, in place of us or instead us.

Examine the content of your prayers. To often we are asking God to do what He has commanded me to do. In effect postponing obedience through prayer.

Before I give you more sugar, _____ what you got.

[5 Sola's](#)

1. Faith alone (Sola Fide)
2. Scripture alone (Sola Scriptura)
3. Christ alone (Solus Christus)
4. Grace alone (Sola Gratia)
5. Glory to God alone (Soli Deo Gloria)

“This is not the fear of a lost sinner before the Holy One, but the fear of the true child of God before the most loving of all fathers.”

Alec Montier

Discussion:

Consider the 5 Sola's.

Faith	Scripture	Christ	Grace	Glory of God
Justification (that is, becoming right before God) comes through faith only, not good works, though in the classical protestant scheme, saving faith will always be accompanied by good works.	The Bible is the only inspired and authoritative Word of God and is accessible to all (that is, perspicuous and self-interpreting).	Christ is the exclusive mediator between God and man.	Salvation comes by grace only, not through any merit on the part of the sinner. Thus salvation is an unearned gift.	All the glory is due to God alone, since he did all the work — not only the atonement on the Cross, but even granting the faith which allows men to be saved by that atonement.

How does CJ relate salvation by grace to Paul's command to work out our salvation.

What does "Work Out" look like at a practical level?

Compare and contrast the idea of salvation expressing itself through energy verses salvation expressing itself through merit. (Eph 2:8-9)

What do you think it means to have an attitude of Fear and Trembling? Does the quote by Alec Montier help your understanding?
