

# **COMBATING GRUMBLING WITH JOY OF CHRIST**

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How to go about working out your salvation

## **READ Philippians 2:14-18**

Illustration of the Israeli hostages listen to the command of their liberators

- Paul's message today for the Philippians and us in how to work out our salvation
- Be humble, looking out for others needs, submissive, and obedient.

## **Don't be arrogant complainers**

Grumbling is complaining and calling things into question

- Typically directed toward the leadership – reveals their lack of humility and submission
- I am the lead of all leaders in my life... submit to know one but myself – most important.

This is the heart of the consumer Christians or McChurch worshipers who want it my way.  
Ego-centric and hurtful to the church body.

This is not being obedient to Christ, who modeled humility and submission when things were uncomfortable and not going his way.

Rejection of working out your own salvation – without peers and mentors telling what you do not want or like to hear – you remain unchanged - the lump of marble unformed... not beautiful.

- Your rejection then hurts the whole body from its working out their salvation.

## **Application: Direct your grumbling and questioning in accusation to God**

ILLUSTRATION: Driving in snow...don't oversteer. If you think there is a problem, there are Godly ways to handle a problem.

- Hold fast to the word of life to live rightly, to work with leaders, to communicate right, handle problems.
- To handle it yourself is the wrong maneuver, oversteer.

## **Be examples**

Not only good for you and good for the church...but it is good for the unbelieving world.

- Live as examples to crooked, twisted and dark world living in rebellion to God... grumblers and questioners.

## **Be positive and joyful**

Regardless of life predicament... not all things will go your way, be happy, pleasure and fun.

The joy we have in the Lord and our salvation is not dependant upon situations. Weak joy.

It is a **powerful joy** that surpasses all worldliness.

## **Conclusion**

Where is your joy tonight? If it is in found in earthly things and not of Christ, it is there you will find yourself disappointed and frustrated because it will fade nor cannot it complete you.

Gospel message in Christ you will find true joy and salvation from emptiness.