

# SEEING CHRIST WORTHY OF OUR OBEDIENCE

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## READ Philippians 2:12-13

Illustration of my girls falling down going to the mailbox everyday.

- Train our children to be able to live without their parent looking over them to help.
- A time will come when no one will be there... what will you do then?
- Seniors going to college are wondering that them self looking ahead a month from now.

The therefore of Christ and the therefore for his people (Verses 9 & 12) What this passage is about.

- Just as God assess the life and work of Christ as worthy and acted accordingly
- So we as Christians, must assess Christ's life & work as worthy and respond in obedience.

## Importance of future obedience for the church (v. 12a)

- Philippians are praised for bring a people who have exhibited true and faithful obedience
- Unlike Paul's reprimand for disobedience to the Corinthians, here Paul is encouraging the Philippians to continue in obedience.
- Now Paul is stressing the importance of future obedience without a authority figure looking over you. This is your future as a Christian
  - Divine responsibility and personal responsibility... no robots here.
- This passage is not referring to individuals and their personal growth, but growth and health of the whole church. *This passage is directed connected to verses 1-5.*

## Working out our salvation (v. 12b)

- Though you received the gospel as a free gift for salvation, it needs to be worked out in your life.
  - That is what this phrase means: to work out fully to completion
- Your eternal security is guaranteed, all the promises stand to be fulfilled unquestioned
  - However, both salvation is not had it completed effect on your life
  - *Illustration of a garden with the seeds planted, but not fully grown – no fruit*

**At conversion, the gospel seeds have just begun to sprout and will grow throughout every area of your life bring the gospel transformation.**

- What is gospel transformation? Redeem (buy back from sin), renewal, life and growth. Buy back you and your life from sin, death, decay, & brokenness.
- *What makes something Christian? How does the gospel impact small areas of your life.*

## Fear and trembling

This is a gravely serious matter not to be taken in a trivial manner.

- We must approach this with reverence and awe... not with a whatever/whenever attitude.
- Ultimately it is for the health and well being of the church to achieve its purposes on earth,
- This work is the core of your being, it is your center, and you have to fight for because sin seeks to make itself your center (death, decay, brokenness)

Feeling distance for God, feeling dry spiritually... you center has been replaced by sin. Procrastination, laziness, passiveness, stunts your salvation from being worked out.

- Think of the things in your day that you are so diligent and you give time for.... Facebook, video games, texting, friends, work for money. *You take them seriously and make sure they happen.*
- They become the core that feeds you... but they can only feed you brokenness leading to decay.

***How do we change?***

## God is the source of all change (v. 13)

God's spirit is in you and causes you to will (desire for him, his purposes, his people) and to act. The answer is God. Jesus is that way. Truth and the life. There is no way to the way.

***This is grace... it is not merited favor and freely give to those in faith.***

