

“FINDING YOUR PLACE: TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL”

PART 5

“SERVING TOGETHER... IN THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL”

“Work It Out: The Power of Partnership”

(Philippians 2:12-18)

INTRODUCTION:

- We are partners with a new and shared _____... (1:12-30)
 - ...that **Christ** might be **magnified**. (1:12-21)
 - ...that the **Church** might be **edified**. (1:22-26)
 - ...that the **gospel** might be **publicized**. (1:27-30)

- We are partners with a new and shared _____... (2:1-11)
 - If we are going to **live** in a manner worthy of the gospel (1:27), experiencing the **unity** and **harmony** that are necessary for both **community** and effective **ministry**, then we must also **think** in a manner worthy of the gospel, emulating the **selfless** and **servant** mind of Jesus Christ.

- We are partners in a new and shared _____... (1:6-11; 2:12-18)

*“For I am confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus**. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, **you all are partakers of grace with me.**”*

—Philippians 1:6-8

1A. OUR _____ : _____ (2:12)

“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation**, with fear and trembling...”

- Work out our salvation in the context of _____!
- Salvation is not viewed as an **objective** to be _____, nor as a **benefit** to be _____, but as a **possession** to be _____ fully.

2A. OUR _____ : _____ (2:12, 14)

1B. _____ — “...with fear and trembling...”

2B. _____ — “...in my presence or in my absence...”

3B. _____ — “without grumbling and disputing...”

3A. OUR _____ : _____ (2:13, 15-16)

1B. Because _____ is _____ in You (v. 13)

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

2B. Because the _____ is _____ around You (v. 15)

“...so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,...”

3B. Because the _____ is _____ for You (v. 16)

“...holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.”

CONCLUSION:

“But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

—Philippians 2:17, 18