

**WEEK #10 (December 11<sup>th</sup>) • In Christ**  
**We Reverently Work Out Our Own Salvation**  
**Philippians 2:12-30**

1. What should we make of Paul's charge to "work out your own salvation" (2:12)? How does this harmonize with Ephesians 2:8-9? Is Paul telling saints in Philippi something different than what he had told the saints in Ephesus?
2. What role must "fear and trembling" play in the working out of our own salvation (2:12)?
3. "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (2:13). In everyday terms, what does this mean and how is it being accomplished?
4. Of all the things he could (and needed to) write to the brethren in Philippi, why would Paul take the time to remind them, "Do all things without grumbling or questioning" (2:14)?
5. Summarize, in your own words, the descriptive phrases Paul uses in 2:15:
  - ▶ that you may be blameless and innocent -
  - ▶ children of God without blemish -
  - ▶ in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation -
  - ▶ among whom you shine as lights in the world -
6. Practically speaking, what does it mean to "hold fast to the word of life" (2:16)?
7. What does Paul mean by referring to "the day of Christ" in 2:16? Does this "day" have anything to do with you and me?
8. In what way was Paul being "poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering" of the Philippians' faith (2:17)?
9. In 2:17-18, Paul returns to the bedrock idea of joy. How could Paul possibly say that he would be glad and rejoice, even if he was "poured out as a drink offering"?
10. "Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me" (2:18). The question is, why?