

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Philippians 2  
**Singing:** 256:1-3 – 435:9 – 177:1-3 – 359:1-2 – 392:1, 4, 5

## Let us Study Philippians (19)

**Intro:** What belongs to the wedding day?

### The Calling of the Christian

- I. Focus on working out your salvation
- II. Focus on reflecting your new nature
- III. Focus on bearing testimony in walk and talk

#### **I. GOD'S DIRECTION IS TO FOCUS ON WORKING OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION**

A. **The motivation for His direction:** *therefore*

B. **The content of His direction:** *work out your own salvation*

1. This sounds contradictory to Phil. 1:6; 2:13; Eph. 2:10
  
2. Meaning of *work out your own salvation*
  
3. How are we to work out this salvation we now possess?

C. **The seriousness of His direction:** *with fear and trembling*

1. This verse does not contradict 1 John 4:18
  
2. Phil. 2:12 is like 1 Peter 1:17 ... *pass your sojourning here in fear*
  
3. One day every saint will stand face the judgment seat of Christ
  - a. see 2 Cor. 5:9-11; 1 Cor. 3:10-15

D. **The enabling for this direction:** *vs. 13*

#### **II. FOCUS ON REFLECTING THIS NEW NATURE**

A. What are the details of this *working out our own salvation*?

1. to do all things without murmuring & disputings (vs. 14)
  - a. what things?

b. how are we do this?

2. to be blameless and harmless, without rebuke

a. what is blameless?

b. what is harmless?

c. what is without rebuke?

B. Where are we to reflect this Christian character?

1. First of all towards *fellow believers* (vs. 1-4)

2. Secondly in *midst of crooked and perverse nation* (vs. 15)

### III. FOCUS ON BEARING TESTIMONY IN WALK AND TALK

A. Our calling as 'saints of God' is a high calling: *to be holy as the LORD is holy*

1. That's not the testimony that our *crooked/perverse nation* welcomes

2. "Among whom ye shine as lights in the world"

a. image is taken from a lighthouse on seacoasts

b. how vividly this depicts our *position & task as Christians*

c. yet we not just to be like silent lighthouse

3. How do we shine: Holding forth the word of life

Take along: *The call is not to withdraw but to allure!*

A. Christ does not expect us to change our culture

B. Christ calls His saints to stand shoulder to shoulder in the battle (vs. 2)

1. Remember the *front-line soldiers in midst of the dark world*

2. Remember those in *leadership positions*

3. Remember those *living in continued rebellion or fear*