A Worthy Workout

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Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing,

so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.



Working Out What God is Working In (2:12,13)



WORKING OUT WHAT GOD IS WORKING IN Work Out Your Salvation with Fear & Trembling (2:12)

The glorious truth that Christ has done everything necessary to save us does not mean we passively wait for God to "zap" us into godliness.



WORKING OUT WHAT GOD IS WORKING IN God Works in You to Will & to Act (2:13)

Too many Christians obey God only because of pressure on the outside, and not power on the inside.



Walking as Worthy Witnesses (2:14–18)



WALKING AS WORTHY WITNESSES

Live Out Your Identity as God's Child (2:14–16)

They are corrupt and not His children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



WALKING AS WORTHY WITNESSES Sacrificial Service Yields Enduring Joy (2:17,18)



As we work out what God is working in, we shine brightly for His glory.