

# SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

#### I. A GOSPEL-SHAPED LIFE WORKS FOR OBEDIENCE (PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13)

- A. Jesus is the compelling motivation for obedience (Philippians 2:12; 3-11)
  - 1. "Therefore..." is the logical connection to Christ
  - 2. The "Christ hymn" highlights Jesus' sacrificial obedience for the sake of others (Philippians 2:7–8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- B. Obedience is not about people-pleasing, but God-pleasing (Philippians 2:12–13; Colossians 3:22; Galatians 1:10)
  - 1. Paul may be absent, but that's no reason to be disobedient (Philippians 1:27)
  - 2. The aim of our obedience is the pleasure of God (Philippians 2:13; 1:21; 2 Corinthians 5:8–10)
- C. Our obedience is the working out of our salvation and should not be confused with working for our salvation (Philippians 2:12–13; Ephesians 2:8–10)
  - 1. We work out a salvation already received (Philippians 2:12; 1:27)
  - 2. We work because God works in us (Philippians 2:13; Colossians 1:29; 1 Corinthians 15:10)
  - 3. Both our desires and our action are worked in us by God so that we might please Him (Philippians 2:13; 1:6)

## II. WHAT A GOSPEL-SHAPED LIFE LOOKS LIKE (PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16)

- A. We do everything without grumbling or complaining (Philippians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17)
  - 1. We do don't murmur, but we also don't pretend hard things aren't hard
  - 2. The antidote to murmurs and complaint is gratitude & glory of God
- B. We shine as lights is a dark world (Philippians 2:15; Matthew 5:16)
  - We live in a crooked and twisted generation so we must be distinct (1 Peter 2:12; Romans 13:11–14)
  - 2. Our distinction is a light to the world (Philippians 2:1-4)
- C. We hold fast to the gospel (Philippians 2:16; 1:27–28)

### III. A GOSPEL-SHAPED LIFE IS SACRIFICAL AND JOYOUS (PHILIPPIANS 2:17-18)

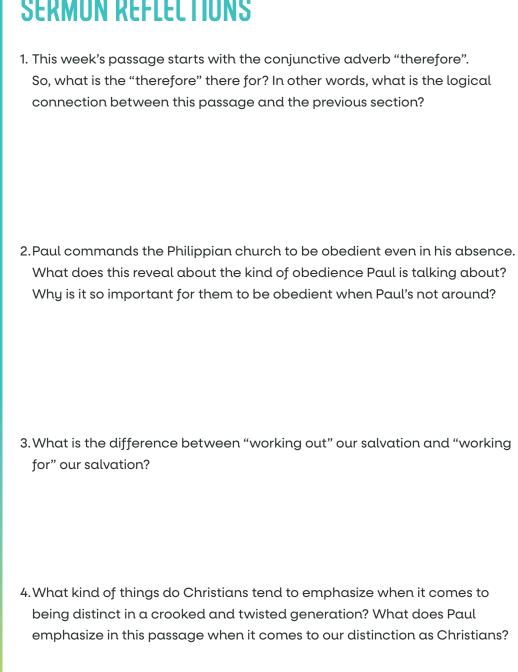
- A. We sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others (Philippians 2:17a; 1:25; 2:3–4)
- B. We love and serve others for the glory of God (1 Peter 4:8–11)
- C. We rejoice and are glad to work for the joy of others (Philippians 2:17b–18; Acts 20:35)

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 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, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

#### **SERMON REFLECTIONS**



5. According to 1 Peter 4:8-11, why do we love and serve others? How can our attitude reflect the character of Jesus as we love and serve others (See

Philippians 2:5-11)?