

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Philippians 2:12**.
- B. The words, "so then" or "wherefore" indicate a summation to previous thoughts. Our text should not be considered as salvation by works, but our necessary response to those things already done in our behalf.
- D. Jesus came down from heaven, took the form of a bond-servant, was obedient to death, and was exalted by God.

## I. **OUR SALVATION IS NOT BY OUR OWN STANDARD.**

- A. Jesus laid down the perfect Standard (or pattern) for us to follow.
- B. This included humbleness, service, and obedience.
- C. These three are therefore essential for ourselves to work out our salvation.
- D. Remember we are to obey as Paul told the Phil. 2 :12 (Mt. 7:21).

## II. **OUR SALVATION IS BECAUSE GOD, CHRIST, AND HOLY SPIRIT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WORKS.**

- A. Ephesians 2:8,9 shows that we have a part and God has a part in the salvation of man.
- B. God has completed His work in having us to conform to the likeness of His Son (Eph. 1:3).
- C. Jesus Christ has completed His work in living and dying for us (Phil. 2:7,8).
- D. The Holy Spirit completed His work in coming as the comforter and guiding the apostles into all truth (completion of NT).
- E. (This does not mean these three are inactive, but have done their part in providing the way of salvation for mankind.)

## III. **OUR SALVATION IS TO BE WORKED OUT IN FEAR.**

- A. We fear God's displeasure knowing of sure punishment (2Cor. 5:11).  
"Knowing the fear of God, we persuade men."
- B. We fear; not the world or the things of the world (Rev. 1:17; 2:10).
- C. We fear because we know what we do or don't do will make a difference (Jas. 14:17; Jn. 5:28,29).

## IV. **OUR SALVATION IS TO BE WORKED OUT IN TREMBLING.**

- A. We are to tremble because our attitude is that we are nothing without God. We do not supply the power, He does.
- B. Our salvation is not of ourselves. We may plant and water, but it is God that grants the increase.
- C. We need an attitude of humbleness in what we do giving God the glory not self (1Pet. 5:5; 4:11)

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. We must remember, as the KJV says, "our own salvation." We cannot go to heaven on the coat-tails of others.
- B. Our eternal destiny will be decided on our merit, therefore, it behooves us to work on it!
- C. We work out our own salvation by:
  - 1. Following Christ's pattern and giving obedience unto Him.
  - 2. Realizing God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit have done their work in making salvation possible.
  - 3. We are to be fearful.
  - 4. We are to be trembling in attitude.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.