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The Gospel of Grace — Philippians 2:12–13 Revealed: The Salvation You Were Told to Work For Is God Working in You

 **The Gospel of Grace — Philippians 2:12–13 Revealed: God Produces Both the Will and the Doing, Revealing Salvation as His Work, Not Human Effort**

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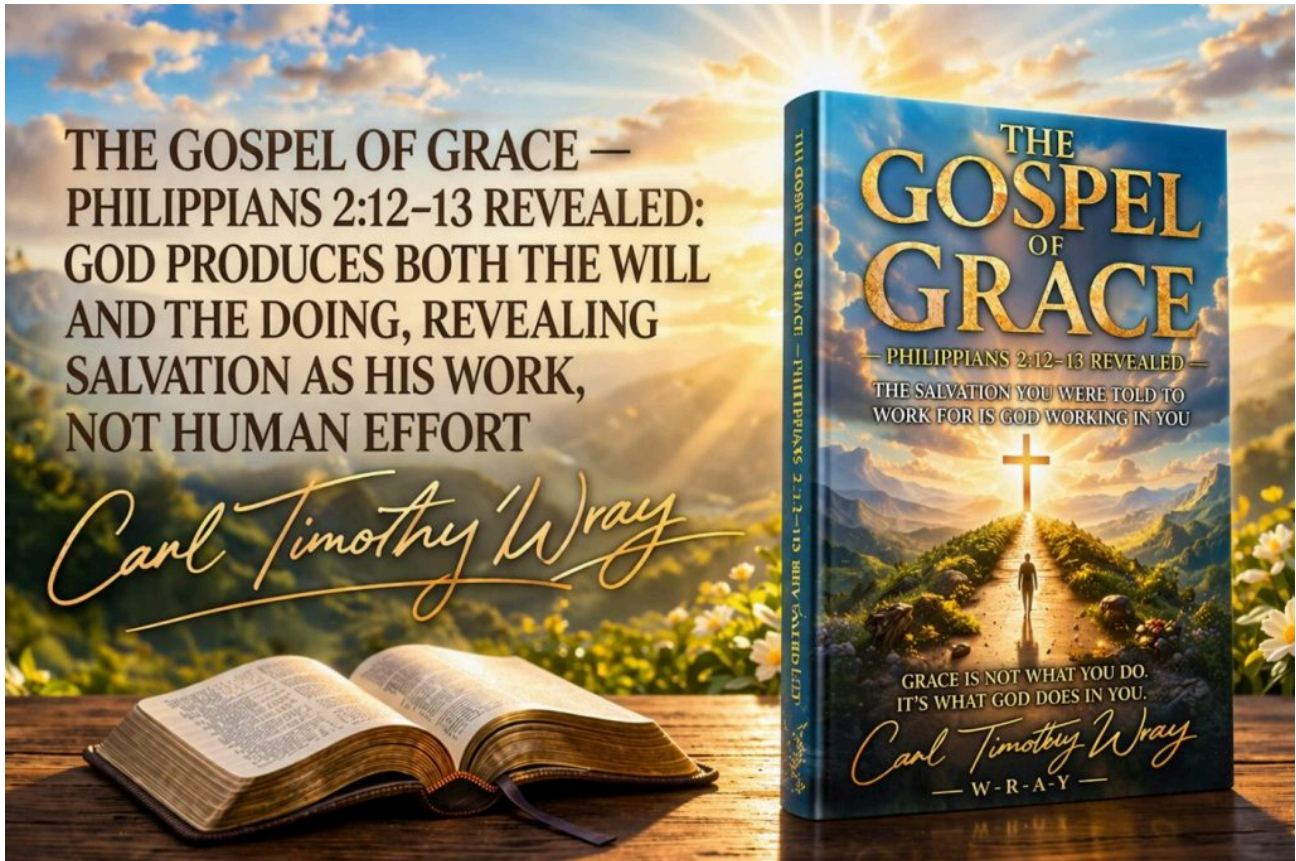
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2:12–13 through the finished work of Christ. This book answers essential questions such as “what does work out your salvation mean,” “does God work in us,”

and “is salvation by grace or works,” showing that salvation is not something produced by human effort but manifested from what God is already working within. By reconciling the tension between verse 12 and verse 13, this teaching reveals that God Himself produces both the desire and the action in the believer, establishing that righteousness, obedience, and transformation flow from Christ within. This powerful Gospel of Grace message exposes religious striving and reveals that what God requires, He fulfills through His own life [working in you.](#)



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Gospel of Grace: INTRODUCTION

There are verses in Scripture that seem to place responsibility on man...



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in the very next breath, remove it completely.

“Work out your own salvation...”

At first glance, this sounds like a command.

A responsibility.

A requirement.

A call to action placed squarely on the shoulders of man.

For generations, this verse has been used to stir effort—
to push believers toward discipline, striving, and self-examination.

Am I doing enough?

Am I working hard enough?

Am I maintaining what God has given?

But then comes the next line:

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

And suddenly...

everything changes.

Because the same passage that appears to place the work on man...

reveals that the work was never man's to begin with.

This is the tension that has confused many.

Two verses.

Side by side.



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sounds like responsibility...

it reveals divine operation.

Religion separates them.

It emphasizes the command...
and minimizes the source.

It tells man:

Work harder

Try more

Do better

But the Gospel of Grace reveals something entirely different.

It brings these two verses together—

and in doing so, it removes the burden completely.

“Work out your own salvation” is not a command to produce.

It is a call to manifest.

It is not telling you to create something.

It is revealing that something has already been placed within you.

And that what has been placed within you...

is now being worked out—
not by your effort...

but by God Himself.



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This is the revelation:

You are not working for your salvation.

You are working out what God is already working in.

This changes everything.

It removes the pressure to perform.

It silences the voice of striving.

It brings the believer out of confusion...

and into clarity.

Because salvation is not sustained by your effort.

It is revealed through God's life within you.

This book is written to draw that line clearly.

To reconcile what has been misunderstood.

To reveal that what appears to be a demand...

is actually the unveiling of a finished work in motion.

God is not asking you to become something.

He is revealing what He has already placed within you.

And as this is seen—

effort gives way to rest,

striving gives way to trust,

and the life of Christ begins to be revealed...



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thing you are trying to produce—

but as something God is already producing within you.

This is the Gospel of Grace.

And this is what Philippians 2:12–13 was always pointing to. 🔥

Chapter 1 — The Command That Sounds Like Law

“Work Out Your Own Salvation” — A Statement That Has Troubled Many

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” — Philippians 2:12

Few verses in Scripture have created more tension in the mind of the believer than this one.

At first glance, it sounds clear.

Direct.

Serious.

Weighty.

“Work out your own salvation...”

For many, this has been received as a command placed squarely on their shoulders.

A responsibility to carry.

A standard to meet.



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maintain.

And immediately, questions arise:

Am I doing enough?

Am I working hard enough?

What does it mean to work out my salvation?

Without realizing it, what was spoken as truth becomes interpreted through the lens of effort.

The Immediate Reaction of the Natural Mind

The natural mind cannot hear a statement like this without translating it into responsibility.

It hears:

- ☞ You must produce something
- ☞ You must maintain something
- ☞ You must complete something

Because the natural mind always defaults to effort.

It does not understand grace.

“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

— Romans 10:3

This is the pattern:



and that turns it into something he must do.

The Echo of the Law in the Words

To the one who hears through the lens of the law, Philippians 2:12 sounds very familiar.

It echoes the language of the Old Covenant:

“Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them...” — Leviticus 18:5

“Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.” — Romans 10:5

The message under the law was clear:

- ☞ Do this... and live
- ☞ Perform... and be accepted

So when the natural mind hears:

“Work out your own salvation...”

It automatically connects it to the same system.

Fear and Trembling — Reinforcing the Burden

The phrase continues:



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and trembling.”

And this only intensifies the misunderstanding.

Now it sounds even heavier.

Serious.

Demanding.

Almost intimidating.

As if salvation is fragile...

and must be carefully maintained by human effort.

This is how religion presents it:

Be careful

Stay alert

Don't fail

Don't fall short

And suddenly, the Gospel feels like pressure.

Was Paul Reinforcing the Law—or Revealing Something Greater?

This is the question that must be asked:

Was Paul placing the burden of salvation back on man?

Was he telling believers to produce something God had already declared finished?

But if Philippians 2:12 stands alone...



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It can easily be interpreted that way.

But Scripture never stands alone.

And truth is never revealed in isolation.

The Danger of Reading One Verse Without the Next

The greatest misunderstanding of Philippians 2:12 comes from separating it from Philippians 2:13.

Because when verse 12 is read by itself...

It sounds like law.

But when verse 13 is seen...

It changes everything.

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” — Philippians 2:13

This is not a separate thought.

This is the explanation.

This is the source.



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Revelation that unlocks the command.

The Tension That Must Be Resolved

Now we see the tension clearly:

Verse 12 says:

☞ Work out your salvation

Verse 13 says:

☞ God is working in you

So which is it?

Is it your responsibility...

or is it God's work?

Religion chooses one side.

Grace reconciles both.

The Foundation of Misunderstanding

The misunderstanding comes from this:

Man reads verse 12 as production...

instead of manifestation.



☞ I must create what God desires

Instead of seeing:

☞ God has already placed it within me

And now it is being revealed.

The Line That Must Be Drawn

This is where the line must be drawn clearly.

There are two ways to read this passage:

1. Through the Law:

You must work to produce your salvation

2. Through Grace:

You are working out what God is already working within you

One produces fear.

The other produces rest.

One creates striving.

The other reveals trust.

The Doorway Into the Revelation

This chapter is not the conclusion—it is the doorway.

Because before we can understand what it means to “work out”...

we must understand what salvation is.

Is it something being built?

Or is it something already finished?

Because if salvation is complete...

then “working it out” must mean something entirely different.

And that is where we go next. 🔥

Chapter 2 — Salvation: Finished or Ongoing?

The Question That Determines Everything

Before we can understand what it means to “work out your own salvation”...

we must first answer one critical question:

👉 **Is salvation something you are completing...
or something God has already finished?**



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How you answer that question will determine how you read Philippians 2:12.

If salvation is ongoing...

then “work out” sounds like effort.

But if salvation is finished...

then “work out” must mean something entirely different.

The Declaration of the Cross: It Is Finished

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished...” — John 19:30

This is not a partial statement.

This is not the beginning of a process.

This is the declaration of completion.

Everything required for salvation—

atonement

redemption

reconciliation

righteousness

☞ was finished at the cross.

Not started.



Sanctified Once for All

“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” — Hebrews 10:10

Once for all.

Not repeated.

Not maintained by effort.

Not completed over time.

And then it goes further:

“For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” — Hebrews 10:14

Perfected.

Not becoming perfect.

Not progressing toward perfection.

Perfected.

Saved by Grace, Not by Works

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” — Ephesians 2:8–9

This removes all confusion.



- ☞ Not of yourself
- ☞ Not of works
- ☞ The gift of God

You did not initiate it.

You do not sustain it.

You do not complete it.

Saved According to His Purpose, Not Your Effort

“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...” — 2 Timothy 1:9

Notice the language:

Hath saved us.

Already done.

And not according to your works—

but according to His purpose.

This means salvation is not reactive.

It is not dependent on what you do.

It flows from what God has already determined.



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Not by Works of Righteousness

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...” — Titus 3:5

This closes the door completely.

There is no version of salvation...

that is produced by human effort.

Not partially.

Not progressively.

Not conditionally.

Salvation is entirely the work of God.

The Religious Conflict: Finished Work vs Ongoing Effort

Here is where the tension arises.

If salvation is finished...

Why does it feel like something we must maintain?

Why do many live as though it is fragile?

Why does “work out your salvation” sound like a process?

Because religion has taught:



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...started... you must finish

But Scripture reveals:

☞ What God started... He completed

The Difference Between Completion and Manifestation

This is the key distinction:

Salvation is not being completed...

☞ it is being revealed.

Not produced...
manifested.

Not created...
expressed.

This changes everything.

Because now:

“Work out your salvation...”

cannot mean:

☞ Create something new



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👉 Reveal what is already finished

The Life Within Is Already Complete

Christ did not come to begin something inside of you.

He came to place something complete within you.

“And ye are complete in him...” — Colossians 2:10

Complete.

Not lacking.

Not developing.

Not waiting to be finished.

Complete.

The Foundation for the Next Step

Now we see clearly:

Salvation is finished

It is not produced by man

It is complete in Christ

So now the question becomes:



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What does it mean to “work out” something that is already finished?

Because if salvation is not being created...

then “working it out” must mean something entirely different than effort.

And that is where we go next. 🔥

Chapter 3 — What Does “Work Out” Actually Mean?

The Phrase That Has Been Misread

“Work out your own salvation...” — Philippians 2:12

This is the phrase that has caused confusion.

Because when the natural mind hears “work out”...

it immediately thinks:

- 👉 Produce something
- 👉 Earn something
- 👉 Complete something

But we have already seen:

Salvation is finished.

It is not produced by man.

It is complete in Christ.

So the question becomes:



- 👉 What does “work out” actually mean?

Because it cannot mean:

Create what God has already completed.

The Natural Mind Defines Work as Production

The misunderstanding begins here:

The natural mind defines work as production.

If you “work”...

you are creating something that does not yet exist.

You are generating results through effort.

This is how the world works.

But this is not how the Kingdom works.

Because in the Kingdom:

👉 The work is already finished

“Work Out” Means to Bring Forth What Is Within

The phrase “work out” carries the meaning of:



- ☞ Bringing something outward
- ☞ Expressing what is already inside
- ☞ Manifesting what has already been given

Not producing something new...

but revealing something present.

This aligns perfectly with the Gospel of Grace.

Because salvation is not being created—

it is being revealed.

The Treasure Within the Vessel

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels...” — 2 Corinthians 4:7

The treasure is already within.

You are not trying to create it.

You are carrying it.

So what does it mean to “work it out”?

- ☞ It means the treasure begins to be expressed outwardly.



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Light Shine

“Let your light so shine before men...” — Matthew 5:16

Notice:

It does not say:

- ☞ Create light
- ☞ Produce light

It says:

- ☞ Let it shine

Why?

Because the light is already there.

Working out your salvation is the same principle.

You are not producing it.

You are allowing it to be seen.

The Fruit Is Already in the Life

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...” — Galatians 5:22–23

Fruit is not forced.

Fruit is not produced through effort.



Fruit is the natural expression of life.

The life is already there—

and the fruit flows from it.

This is what “working out” looks like.

Christ Revealed Through You

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...” —
Galatians 2:20

This is the reality:

It is not you producing righteousness.

It is Christ living in you.

So when salvation is “worked out”...

☞ it is Christ being revealed through you

From Contained to Expressed

This is the shift:

What was hidden... becomes visible



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thin... becomes expressed

complete... becomes manifested

This is not progress.

This is revelation.

Why Effort Cannot Produce This

If “working out” is manifestation...

then effort cannot produce it.

Because effort tries to create.

But grace reveals.

This is why striving leads to frustration.

Because you cannot produce what is already finished.

The Shift: From Producing to Allowing

This is the transformation:

You are no longer trying to produce salvation.

You are allowing it to be expressed.

You are no longer working to become something.



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allowing what has already been placed within you.

The Foundation for What Comes Next

Now we see clearly:

“Work out” does not mean produce
It means reveal

Salvation is finished
And now it is being manifested

But this leads to the most important question yet:

👉 If you are not producing it...

then who is?

And that is where everything turns.

Because the answer is found in the next verse:

👉 “For it is God which worketh in you...”

And that is where we go next. 🔥

Chapter 4 — The Law Mindset: Producing Your Own Righteousness

Why Man Tries to Produce What God Has Already Finished



Even after hearing that salvation is finished...
even after seeing that “work out” means manifestation...

many still fall back into the same pattern:

👉 Trying to produce what God has already completed

Why?

Because the law mindset is deeply rooted in the natural man.

It is the default way of thinking.

And unless it is exposed...

it will continue to turn grace into effort.

Zeal Without Knowledge Leads to Self-Effort

“For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

— Romans 10:2–3

This is the problem.

They had zeal.

They had desire.

They had sincerity.



but they lacked knowledge of one thing:

☛ God's righteousness had already been established

So instead of receiving it...

they tried to produce it.

The Law Teaches: Do and Live

The law operates on one principle:

☛ Do this... and live

"Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them." — Romans 10:5

This creates a system where:

Life depends on performance

Acceptance depends on obedience

Righteousness depends on effort

And this mindset carries over into how many read Philippians 2:12.

The Subtle Shift from Grace Back to Law

"Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" — Galatians 3:3



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f the greatest dangers.

People begin in grace...

but return to effort.

They receive salvation as a gift...

but then try to maintain it through works.

They hear:

“Work out your salvation...”

And immediately shift back into performance.

Self-Righteousness Cannot Produce Life

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”

— Isaiah 64:6

Man’s best effort...

cannot produce what God requires.

Not improved effort

Not disciplined effort

Not sincere effort

Because the issue is not effort—

it is source.



Righteousness must come from God.

The Difference Between Receiving and Producing

This is where the line must be drawn.

There are two systems:

1. Producing (Law)

I must become
I must achieve
I must maintain

2. Receiving (Grace)

It has been given
It has been finished
It is now revealed

One places the burden on man.

The other reveals the work of God.

The Danger of Mixing Grace and Works

“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace...” —
Romans 11:6

This is absolute.



You cannot mix the two.

The moment you add effort as the source...

you step out of grace.

Not because grace disappears—

but because you are no longer standing in it.

Religion Keeps Man in the Cycle of Effort

Religion does not deny salvation.

It redefines how it is lived.

It says:

Yes, God saved you...
but now you must maintain it

Yes, grace started it...
but now effort must complete it

And so the cycle continues:

Striving

Failing

Trying again



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ng rest.

Why This Mindset Must Be Broken

As long as a man believes:

☞ He is responsible to produce righteousness

He will never experience the fullness of grace.

He will:

Strive instead of rest

Fear instead of trust

Work instead of receive

Because he is trying to do...

what only God can do.

The Breaking Point: Man Cannot Produce What God Requires

This is where everything must collapse.

Because until a man sees:

☞ I cannot produce this

He will continue trying.



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as he tries...

he will remain under the burden of the law.

But when he sees:

👉 It must come from God

Everything changes.

The Foundation for the Turning Point

Now we have exposed the problem clearly:

Salvation is finished

“Work out” means manifestation

But man still tries to produce

Because of the law mindset

So now we come to the turning point:

👉 If you are not the source...

then who is?

And the answer is not hidden.

It is written plainly in the next verse:

“For it is God which worketh in you...”



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where everything shifts. 🔥

Chapter 5 — The Turning Point: “For It Is God...”

The Verse That Changes Everything

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” — Philippians 2:13

This is not a separate thought.

This is not an addition.

This is the explanation.

This is the source behind everything that was just said.

Without this verse...

Philippians 2:12 sounds like law.

But with this verse...

everything is revealed as grace.

The Word “For” — The Key to Understanding

The verse begins with one word:

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This word connects everything.

It means:

Because

Since

This is the reason

So when Paul says:

“Work out your own salvation...”

He immediately explains:

☞ **For it is God which worketh in you**

This means:

You are not working independently.

You are not the source.

You are not producing something on your own.

☞ What is being worked out...
is coming from what God is working in.

God Is Not Assisting—He Is Working

Notice carefully what the verse does NOT say:

It does not say:



God helps you
God assists you
God partners with your effort

It says:

☞ **God works in you**

This is absolute.

This is not cooperation between equal parts.

This is divine operation.

God is the One:

Producing
Moving
Working

Within you.

The Source Has Been Revealed

This is the answer to the tension:

“Work out your own salvation...”

☞ Sounds like your responsibility

“For it is God which worketh in you...”



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the true source

So now we see clearly:

The work is happening...

But the source is God.

What the Law Could Not Do, God Did

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son...” — Romans 8:3

The law demanded righteousness...

but could not produce it.

It told man what to do...

but gave him no power to do it.

So God did what the law could not do.

He did not lower the standard.

☞ He fulfilled it.

God Works Within, Not From Without

Under the law:



God commanded from the outside
Man tried to obey from the inside

Under grace:

☞ God works from within

“For it is God which worketh in you...”

This is the shift.

Not external instruction...

but internal operation.

God Is the One Perfecting the Work

“Now the God of peace... make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight...” — Hebrews 13:20–21

This confirms it.

God is not waiting for you to become something.

He is working in you...

to bring forth what is already pleasing to Him.



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Produces What It Requires

This is the revelation:

☞ What God requires... God produces

Not partially.

Not conditionally.

Completely.

This is why grace is not just forgiveness.

Grace is power.

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” — 2 Corinthians 12:9

Grace does not assist your effort.

Grace replaces it.

The End of Self as the Source

This is where everything changes.

Because as long as you believe:

☞ You are the source

You will strive.

But when you see:



☞ God is the source

You begin to rest.

The Shift: From Responsibility to Revelation

This is the transformation:

You are no longer trying to make something happen.

You are seeing what God is already doing.

You are no longer working to produce righteousness.

You are recognizing:

☞ God is producing it within you.

The Foundation for What Comes Next

Now we have reached the turning point:

God is the One working

God is the source

God is producing

So now we must go deeper:

☞ What exactly is He producing?



verse says:

“Both to will and to do...”

This means:

Even your desire...
and your action...

are coming from Him.

And that is where we go next. 🔥

Chapter 6 — God Works the Will

“To Will” — The Part No One Talks About

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” —
Philippians 2:13

Most people focus on the doing.

Obedience.
Action.
Behavior.

But Paul starts somewhere deeper:

👉 The will

Because before anything is done...

...something must be desired.



The Hidden Assumption: “My Desire Comes From Me”

The natural assumption is this:

- ☞ I choose God
- ☞ I desire righteousness
- ☞ I decide to follow Him

But this verse dismantles that idea completely.

It says:

- ☞ God works in you **to will**

Even your desire...

is not self-originated.

God Is the Source of Spiritual Desire

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...” —
John 6:44

You did not wake up one day...

and decide to pursue God on your own.

You were drawn.



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...moved within you.

Something awakened.

That was not you initiating.

☞ That was God working in you.

A New Heart, A New Desire

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you...
And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes...” — Ezekiel
36:26–27

This is not behavior modification.

This is transformation at the root.

God does not command the old heart to change.

☞ He gives a new one.

And with that new heart...

comes new desire.

Delight Is Placed Within You

“Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” —
Psalm 37:4



God rewarding your effort.

This is:

☞ God placing desire within you

The desires themselves...

are given.

The Law Demanded Desire—Grace Produces It

Under the law:

You were told what to desire

You were expected to want righteousness

You were commanded to love God

But the law could not produce that desire.

Under grace:

☞ God produces the desire within you

You don't try to want God more.

You begin to realize:

☞ The desire you have... came from Him



Why This Removes All Pride

If God works the will...

then you cannot take credit for your desire.

Not your hunger

Not your pursuit

Not your turning toward Him

All of it...

is God working within you.

This removes pride completely.

Why This Removes All Pressure

If God produces the will...

then you are not responsible to generate it.

You are not trying to:

Feel more

Want more

Desire more

You are recognizing:



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Already being stirred within you

The Shift: From Generating Desire to Recognizing It

This is the transformation:

You stop trying to create desire...

and begin to recognize:

☞ God is already working within you

That hunger...

That pull...

That turning of your heart...

is Him.

The Beginning of Rest

This is where rest begins.

Because now you see:

I am not the source of my desire

God is working in me

So even the beginning of the journey...

was not mine.



The Foundation for What Comes Next

Now we see clearly:

God works the will

God produces desire

God initiates everything

So now we go deeper:

👉 If God works the will...

does He also work the action?

Because the verse does not stop there.

It says:

👉 "to will and to do"

And that is where we go next. 🔥

Chapter 7 — God Works the Doing

"To Do" — The Action That Follows the Will

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." —
Philippians 2:13

We have seen that God works the will.



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is the desire.

He initiates the turning of the heart.

But now we must go further.

Because the verse does not stop at desire.

☞ It continues:

“and to do”

This means:

Not only does God give the desire...

☞ He produces the action.

The Misunderstanding: “I Must Obey”

The natural mindset believes:

- ☞ I must obey God
- ☞ I must do what is right
- ☞ I must produce righteousness

And so the focus becomes:

Trying harder
Doing better
Maintaining obedience

But this creates a cycle:



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ure → effort → failure

Because the source is wrong.

Christ Lives in You — Not You for Christ

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...” — Galatians 2:20

This is the revelation.

It is not you living for God.

☞ It is Christ living in you.

So when righteousness is expressed...

When obedience is seen...

When life is manifested...

☞ It is not you producing it.

It is Christ expressing Himself through you.

Grace Produces What the Law Demanded

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.” — Romans 6:14



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anded righteousness...

but gave no power to produce it.

Grace does something entirely different:

☞ It produces what the law required

Not by command...

but by life.

God Working Through You

“Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.” — Romans 7:17

Paul reveals a principle:

What is expressed outwardly...

comes from what is working inwardly.

Under sin → sin is expressed

Under grace → righteousness is expressed

Because the source determines the outcome.

Strength Made Perfect in Weakness

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” — 2



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12:9

This is key.

God's strength is not revealed through your effort.

☞ It is revealed through your weakness

When you stop trying to produce...

God's life begins to be seen.

God Causes You to Walk

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes..." —
Ezekiel 36:27

Notice the language:

☞ Cause you to walk

This is not:

Try to walk
Attempt to obey
Strive to follow

This is:

God working within you...

...producing the life that walks.



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The End of Performance-Based Living

If God works the doing...

then performance is no longer the focus.

You are not:

Trying to be righteous

Trying to obey

Trying to live right

You are:

☞ Yielding to the life within you

The Shift: From Effort to Expression

This is the transformation:

You move from:

Trying to do

to

Allowing it to be done through you

From:

Self-effort

to



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Why This Brings Freedom

Because now:

Failure is not the end
Effort is not the answer
Pressure is removed

You are no longer the source.

God is.

The Foundation for What Comes Next

Now we see clearly:

God works the will
God works the doing

So what remains?

👉 The end of self-effort

Because once you see:

God is the source of both desire and action...

There is nothing left for self to produce.

And that is where we go next. 🔥





Chapter 8 — The End of Self-Effort

When the Source Is Seen, Effort Must Cease

We have now seen clearly:

God works the will

God works the doing

This leaves only one conclusion:

☞ You are not the source

And if you are not the source...

then self-effort must come to an end.

Because effort only exists where man believes:

☞ "I must produce this"

But once it is seen:

☞ "God is producing this in me"

Effort loses its place.

The Root of Striving: Believing You Are

Responsible



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Striving is not random.

It comes from a belief:

☞ "I am responsible to make this happen"

So man:

Tries harder

Pushes more

Disciplines himself

Because he believes the outcome depends on him.

But Philippians 2:13 destroys that belief.

Entering the Rest of God

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works..." —

Hebrews 4:9–10

This is not partial rest.

This is the end of self-effort.

To enter rest means:

☞ You have stopped trying to produce what God has already finished



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Into Me... and Rest

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” —

Matthew 11:28

Who are the heavy laden?

Those trying to:

Work out their salvation by effort

Produce righteousness

Maintain their standing

Jesus does not give them more instruction.

☞ He gives them rest

Grace and Works Cannot Coexist

“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace...” —

Romans 11:6

This is absolute.

You cannot:

Depend on grace

and

Depend on effort

At the same time.



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the other.

This Is the Work of God

“Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
Jesus answered... This is the work of God, that ye believe...” — John 6:28–29

Notice the shift:

They asked:

☞ What must we DO?

Jesus answered:

☞ Believe

The only “work” left...

is faith.

Why Effort Leads to Frustration

As long as a man believes:

☞ He must produce the outcome

He will live in:

Frustration

Condemnation

Exhaustion



Because he is trying to do...

what only God can do.

The Breaking Point: Effort Cannot Produce Life

This is where everything must collapse.

Because until a man sees:

☞ "I cannot produce this"

He will continue trying.

But when he sees:

☞ "God is the source"

Effort dies.

The Shift: From Doing to Yielding

This is the transformation:

You move from:

Trying to do for God

to

Yielding to God within you



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Self-effort

to

Divine flow

The Freedom of Letting Go

Letting go is not giving up.

It is releasing the burden that was never yours.

You are not responsible to:

Create righteousness

Produce obedience

Maintain salvation

God is.

The Foundation for What Comes Next

Now everything is clear:

God works the will

God works the doing

Self-effort must end

So now we return to the original statement:

“Maintain your own salvation”



And we finally see it correctly.

Not as effort...

but as manifestation.

And that is where we go next. 🔥

Chapter 9 — Working Out What God Worked In

The Verse Revisited with Clarity

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” —
Philippians 2:12–13

Now we return to the beginning.

But this time...

we see it clearly.

No confusion.

No tension.

No mixture.

Because now we understand:

👉 Verse 12 is not separate from verse 13



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is explained by verse 13

The Complete Revelation in One Sentence

This is the truth that unlocks everything:

☞ **You are not working FOR your salvation...
you are working OUT what God is already working IN.**

This is the Gospel of Grace.

From Production to Manifestation

Before revelation:

“Work out your salvation” meant:

- ☞ Produce something
- ☞ Maintain something
- ☞ Complete something

After revelation:

“Work out your salvation” means:

- ☞ Reveal what is already within
- ☞ Express what God has placed inside you
- ☞ Manifest what has already been finished

This is the shift.



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Christ in You — The Source of Everything

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.” — Colossians 1:27

This is what is being worked out.

Not your effort

Not your ability

Not your righteousness

☞ Christ in you

The life within...

is what is being revealed outwardly.

Out of the Heart, the Life Flows

“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things...” —
Matthew 12:35

Notice the order:

Treasure within → expression without

You are not creating the treasure.

You are bringing it forth.

Living Water Flowing Out



“He that believeth on me... out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” — John 7:38

The water is not being created externally.

It is flowing from within.

This is “working out” your salvation.

☞ What is within... flows outward

The Life of Christ Made Visible

“Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” — 2 Corinthians 4:10

This is the goal:

Not effort

Not performance

Not self-improvement

☞ Manifestation

The life of Jesus being made visible through you.

The Fear and Trembling Revisited



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our own salvation with fear and trembling...”

This is not fear of failure.

This is not anxiety.

This is reverence.

A deep awareness that:

☞ What is being expressed is not coming from you

It is God working within you.

The End of Confusion

Now the confusion is gone:

You are not responsible to produce salvation

You are not responsible to maintain it

You are not responsible to complete it

☞ You are the vessel through which it is revealed

The Shift: From Trying to Trusting

This is the transformation:

You move from:



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come something

Trusting what God has already placed within you

From:

Effort

to

Faith

From:

Striving

to

Flow

The Reality of the Gospel of Grace

This is the Gospel of Grace:

God is the source

God is the power

God is the working

And you...

are the expression of what He is doing within you.

The Foundation for the Final Step

Now everything is aligned:



Salvation is finished
God is working within
You are working it out

So what remains?

☞ Living from this reality daily

Not occasionally
Not momentarily

But as a way of life

Chapter 10 — Living from the Indwelling Life

The Final Reality: God Within, Life Flowing Out

We have seen the full revelation:

Salvation is finished
God works the will
God works the doing
You are working out what He is working in

Now we arrive at the final truth:

☞ This is not a moment...
☞ This is a way of life



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visiting this reality.

You are meant to live from it.

As You Received, So Walk

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.” —
Colossians 2:6

How did you receive Him?

Not by effort

Not by striving

Not by performance

☞ By faith

☞ By grace

☞ By revelation

So how do you walk?

The same way.

Rooted and Built in Him

“Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith...” — Colossians 2:7

Your life is not built on what you do.

It is built on what has already been done.



You are rooted in Christ
Established in Him
Grounded in His finished work

Christ Lives in You Now

“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” —
John 14:20

This is not future.

This is now.

Christ is not distant.

He is not external.

☞ He is in you

And this is the source of everything.

Greater Is He That Is in You

“Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” — 1 John 4:4

You are not trying to overcome life.

You are living from the One who already has.



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...t something you achieve.

☞ It is something you live from

The Spirit Gives Life to the Body

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you... he shall also quicken your mortal bodies...” — Romans 8:11

This is not theoretical.

This is practical.

The same power that raised Christ...

☞ is working in you

Not someday.

Now.

The End of Living From Self

This is where everything shifts permanently.

You no longer live from:

Your strength

Your effort

Your ability



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☞ Christ within you

The Daily Life of Grace

This is what life looks like now:

You wake up not trying to become something

You walk not trying to maintain something

You live not trying to produce something

You are:

Trusting

Yielding

Resting

In what God is already doing within you.

God Dwelling With Man

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them...” —

Revelation 21:3

This is the fulfillment:

God not distant

God not separate

God not external



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The End of Striving, The Beginning of Living

You are no longer:

Working to be accepted
Working to be righteous
Working to be complete

You are:

Living from acceptance
Living from righteousness
Living from completeness

The Full Revelation of Philippians 2:12–13

Now we can read it clearly:

“Work out your own salvation...”

☞ Manifest what is within

“For it is God which worketh in you...”

☞ God is the source

“Both to will and to do...”

☞ God produces both desire and action

This is the Gospel of Grace.



Final Declaration — God Is the Source, You Are the Expression

The life you are living...

is not yours alone.

The righteousness you see...

is not yours alone.

The transformation happening...

is not yours alone.

👉 It is God working in you

You are not producing salvation.

You are revealing it.

You are not creating life.

You are expressing it.

You are not striving to become something.

You are living from what God has already placed within you.

This is the Gospel of Grace.



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