

Working out one's own Salvation

Philippians 2:12-16

This exhortation is from Paul during his imprisonment at Rome addressed to the believers at Philippi. The church was founded by him, the first church in Europe. He loved them, have them always in this mind and heart (Philippians 1:7-8) He reminded them of Christ's humility and obedience as an example to be followed (Philippians 2:5-8).

He appreciated the church for their obedience from the beginning and encouraged them to "continue to work out" their "own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12)." This means to,

(a) Work or doing. The joy of salvation within is to live out expressing through good deeds, sincerity and by being. For himself He said, "for to me to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). He also mentioned to the Corinthians that he "worked harder than all the apostles (I Corinthian 15:9-10). A believer is required to work on to the finish and to perfection" (Philippians 2:14). "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:18). The Holy Spirit in the life of each believer operates in accordance with the commitment and level of obedience.

(b) Fear and trembling go together. There are various kinds of fear e.g. Fear of uncertainties, loneliness, authority, failures, death etc. But the fear of God banishes all kinds of fears but God. "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverb 1:7) i.e. to hate evil" (Proverb 8:13), to do what God wants us to do, love what he loves and hate what he hates and to live Christ like life.

- It leads one to involve in the affairs of extension of the God's kingdom. The Church of Philippians partnered with Paul in gospel ministry from the start and continued to do so in giving, faith, grace, prayer and in suffering. The same is expected of us today.
- The fear of the Lord leads to a life of holiness, joy and sanctified life in Christ, having forgiven of sin and made righteous through the blood of Christ. Paul, thus urged believers to conduct their lives "in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27).
- The fear of the Lord brings inexpressible joy as one enjoys God's presence within which is expressed outwardly as an overflowing. Paul urged the believers to rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 3:1) and he again said "rejoice in the Lord always". I will said it again Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4). This is true of every believer regardless of circumstances.
- The fear of the Lord makes one to enjoy the awesomeness of God's presence and enable him/her to worship God and spend time in His presence. Paul and Silas were praying and singing at midnight under chain in the prison at Philippi. Their praises and worship resonated across heaven and prison door opened, chains fell off from the hands of the prisoners. There took transformation within the prison. Worship touches the heart of God and worshippers do experience the reality of God's presence.
- The fear of God draws one ever closer to the Lord through faith, through prayers, regular meditation on the word of God.

(c) The ultimate end result of working out one's salvation in fear and trembling is to find one-self pure, blameless, without fault shining as stars in this dark world of ours.

Therefore, the redeemed children of God have this confidence that "he who begun a good work will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

- Pastor M. Odyuo

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leader	: Juree
Speaker	: Hoto Yeptho
Ushers	: Limanula Jamir & Chenakum Oving
Keyboard	: Kimeri Ngullie
Flower	: Imtiyachetla Longchar

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Wonder of it all	: Teachers
Reading	: Psalm 127

Prayer

Special presentation	: Children
Sharing	: Vevo Kezo
Offertory & announcement	

Message	
Hymn No. 293	: Because He Lives

Benediction

VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.

Fellowship: To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.

Evangelism: To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God's great salvation.

Discipleship: To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.

Mission: To send out people in obedience to God's call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.



**WORLD
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
DAY**

PSALM 127

Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.

In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat
for He grants sleep to those He loves.

Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from Him.

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are children born in one's youth.

Blessed is the man
whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their opponents in court.

Sunday, October 29th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 50,500 Mission: ₹ 1,000 Offering: ₹ 9,770 Thanksgiving: ₹ 20,000
Building Fund: ₹ 9,80,000 Nagamese: ₹ 552 Total: ₹ 10,61,822

INFORMATION

- Enroute Fellowship today at 3pm.
- The next Bible study series, starting this Wednesday, will focus on Doctrines: know what we believe. Time: 5pm.
- Next Thursday Women's fellowship @ 4:30pm. Leader- *Mrs. Tolika Moa* , Scripture Reading- *Mrs. Venei* and Sharing- *Mrs. Opon Esaca*.

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