

12 Philippians 2:12-13

Work Out Your Own Salvation

1. Phil 2:12

- a. Paul reveals Christ's pattern, and then the end game to encourage them to press on
- b. Remember, these were perilous times and the Philippians were worried
- c. Paul exhorts them that they serve the Lord of all, and don't need Paul for it

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- a. First, we deal with the Arminians - interpret the hard verses by the easy.
- b. "work out" not "work for" - there is a big difference 1 Cor 1:18 vs Mk 13:13
- c. Keeping your salvation means you do not have salvation freely by God's grace.
- d. "*fear and trembling*" is not Rom 8:15, Phil 1:15, or 2 Ti 1:7; but rather 2 Cor 5:10-11
 - i. Paul ministers with fear and trembling - 1 Cor 2:2, Rom 3:18, Eph 5:21, 6:5
 - ii. It has to do with obedience, submission, reverence, esteem, ... love?

3. Phil 2:13

- a. Now, to the Calvinists. We are totally depraved, but not totally controlled.
- b. "*it is God*" not man, not Paul that works in them to will and do - Gal 1:10
- c. It is God's will, not ours - Eph 1:9-10, and 2:8-10, and again in Col 1:9-10
- d. This means when you work to do your own will and pleasure, it is not God.
- e. God works in you through his words, the Spirit in you, and the church.