
[SERMON NOTES]

Eliminating Entitlement, Gaining Gratitude (*Philippians 2:12-18*)

Entitlement: I don't have what I _____ ...

Gratitude: I have what I _____ deserve...

There is great _____ in gratitude over _____.

The Christian life is not a series of _____ and _____, instead _____ and _____.

Concerning Your Concerns (*Philippians 4:10-13*)

Concern yourself with _____ over the concerns of the _____.

_____ is the Gospel working its way out.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

What is the best gift you've ever received? Why is/was it one of your favorites?

Have you ever had one of those moments where someone gave you such an incredible gift, you wanted to pay them back - but knew you couldn't? It's such a great feeling to know how deeply someone cares about us. In our discipleship with Jesus, most of us understand the truly amazing gift of Jesus and eternal life. Even though we are not required - nor capable! - to "pay God back," how should the gift of salvation change us?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

In this weekend's message, Eric unpacked the idea of "*working out*" our salvation. The basic premise is that God must do work IN us, before He does work THROUGH us. *When you hear that call to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" - what comes to mind?*

The Old Testament talks a lot about a proper “fear” (also known as *reverence*) as a cornerstone of our faith. *Read the following passages and write out 2 key observations of how a fear of the Lord may lead us in this life: **Hebrews 5:9, 1 Peter 1:9, Proverbs 1:7, 2:5-6, 3:7-10***

Through the example and teachings of Jesus, God wants to do a great work in us that, as disciples, we are called to see it work its way out into our daily lives. For starters, God does His work in us through the Word (**1 Thes. 2:13**), the Spirit (**Eph. 3:16-21**), and prayer. *What are other ways God might do His work IN us?*

Throughout Scripture, God continually did work in the lives of everyone wanting to obediently follow Him. As a result, their faith and salvation worked out to make massive impacts in the Kingdom of God and the world around. *Take some time to read some of these examples, and write what you see God doing in them.*

Moses | Exodus 3:11-15:

David | 1 Samuel 16:6-13:

Jacob | Genesis 32:22-32:

One of the most famous passages in the Word of God is **Philippians 4:13**. *Read both **Philippians 2:12-13** and **4:10-13**. What do you see as the connection between these two passages?*

How do you think God may be trying to work in you right now in this season of life? And what might be a way for you to “work out” that part?

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

Genesis 39:1-23

John 15:1-27

Psalms 51:1-19

1 Thessalonians 2:1-20