

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Philippians Bible Study

### Philippians 2:9-18 Lesson #5

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Philippians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

9-11 Therefore **God also has highly EXALTED Him and given Him the NAME which is ABOVE every name**, that at the name of **JESUS every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should CONFESS that Jesus Christ is LORD to the GLORY of God the Father.”

•**Ephesians 1:20-21** “Which He wrought in Christ when He \_\_\_\_\_ Him from the \_\_\_\_\_, and set Him at His own \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ places, far \_\_\_\_\_ all principality, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and every \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

**Definition: “At the NAME of JESUS every knee should bow”** – Does this mean that everyone in the world will be saved? No, this means that at the JUDGMENT SEAT of God, **every unbeliever will have to acknowledge that Jesus is God**, and they will know **too late** that they should have put their faith in Him. They will be thrown into the lake of fire for NOT having put their faith in Jesus during their lifetime, but they will still have to ACKNOWLEDGE Him, that He is the Christ and that He is Lord.

•**Isaiah 45:23-24** “I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_, every \_\_\_\_\_ shall take an oath. He shall say, ‘Surely in the \_\_\_\_\_ I have righteousness and strength. To \_\_\_\_\_ men shall \_\_\_\_\_, and all shall be \_\_\_\_\_ who are incensed \_\_\_\_\_ Him.’”

12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **WORK OUT your own SALVATION with FEAR and TREMBLING**; for it is **GOD who WORKS IN you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

•**II Corinthians 7:15** “And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the \_\_\_\_\_ of you all, how with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you received him.”

•**Psalms 33:8** “Let all the earth \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “WORK OUT your own SALVATION with FEAR and TREMBLING”** – The meaning of “trembling” here is more of our having an attitude of HUMILITY before God. The FEAR mentioned here is the “Fear of the Lord,” which means **reverential AWE and RESPECT for God**, especially as EVIDENCED by OBEDIENCE to His commands and DOING His will. The New Testament equivalent is HOLY living, being filled with the Spirit, and “walking in a manner worthy of the Lord.” Some people have trouble with the concept of FEARING God, because it seems like a negative thing, or has connotations of punishment or abuse from a parent in their childhood. If this is your case, whenever you see the words “fear of the Lord” or “fear God” just substitute “obedience to the Lord” and “OBEY God.” Some people just don't like the idea of fearing God, because they want a “touchy-feely” religion, and want to think of God ONLY as a loving, indulgent Heavenly Father. Well, God IS a loving God, but He is not indulgent - **He practices “tough love.”** There are negative consequences for disobeying

God, just as there are positive consequences (blessings) for obeying God. **The meaning of “WORK OUT your own SALVATION”** is to DEMONSTRATE your salvation on the outside, showing what is already INSIDE you by faith in Christ. It doesn't say work FOR your salvation, because we could never do that. It says WORK OUT your salvation. **You have to already HAVE salvation before you can put it to WORK and work it OUT in front of others.**

- **Proverbs 16:6** “By mercy and truth iniquity (sin) is purged (cleansed); and by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ men \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **Psalm 31:19** “O how great is Your \_\_\_\_\_, which You have laid up for them that \_\_\_\_\_ You, which you have wrought for them that \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ before the sons of men!”
- **Psalm 33:18-19** “Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is upon \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ Him, upon them that \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”
- **Psalm 34:7** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ encamps round about them that \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

**Definition: “GOD who WORKS IN you”** – Here is the second part of working out our salvation - **God is the one working it out from the inside, by His dwelling in us by the HOLY SPIRIT** (also called the Spirit of Christ). The Holy Spirit gives us the POWER and ABILITY to live out our new life in Christ. We can't earn our salvation by works, and we don't have to work to keep it. The “working out” that Paul spoke of is the natural outworking or manifestation of what is going on inside us as we walk with Jesus. **In other words, you can't “work it out” in your life if you don't have Jesus already IN YOUR HEART**, but you must submit to His will in your life daily. If we let Jesus lead us and let Him become LORD in our lives, then **His image** or picture will be formed in us.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** “For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone should boast.”
- **Philippians 4:13** “I can do \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ me.”
- **Romans 8:28-29** “And we know that \_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_ together for good to those who \_\_\_\_\_ God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”
- **II Timothy 1:7** “For God has \_\_\_\_\_ given us a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ and of a sound mind.”
- **I John 4:13 & 15** “By this we know that we \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, and \_\_\_\_\_ us, because He has given us of His \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **John 15:4-5** “\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear \_\_\_\_\_ of itself, unless it abides in the vine, \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_, unless you \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, bears much \_\_\_\_\_; for without Me you \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_.”

14-16 **Do all things WITHOUT MURMURING and DISPUTING**, that you may become **blameless and harmless, children of God without fault** in the midst of a CROOKED and PERVERSE generation, among whom you SHINE as LIGHTS in the world, holding fast the WORD of LIFE, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ **that I have not RUN in VAIN or LABORED in VAIN.**

- **Galatians 2:2** “And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that \_\_\_\_\_ which I \_\_\_\_\_ among the Gentiles, but privately to those who

were of reputation, \_\_\_\_\_ by any means I \_\_\_\_\_, or had \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Corinthians 10:9-11** “Nor let us tempt \_\_\_\_\_, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor \_\_\_\_\_, as some of them also \_\_\_\_\_, and were \_\_\_\_\_ by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as \_\_\_\_\_, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of ages have come.”

**Definition: “Do all things WITHOUT MURMURING and DISPUTING” – MURMURING** means grumbling and **COMPLAINING**, especially under ones breath, but also out loud. **DISPUTING** means **ARGUING**. We see in the Old Testament, when the Israelites were being led in the wilderness by Moses, that **their MURMURING and COMPLAINING brought a heavy punishment - DEATH**. God is gracious to us, and the punishment for grumbling and complaining is not death anymore, but the **Old Testament Israelites are still to be an EXAMPLE to us of something we SHOULD NOT DO**.

• **I Peter 4:9** “Be hospitable to one \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Numbers 14:2** “And \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ against Moses and Aaron, and the whole \_\_\_\_\_ said to them, ‘If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!’”

• **Numbers 16:41** “On the next day all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ against Moses and Aaron, saying, ‘You have killed the people of the Lord.’”

• **Numbers 17:5** “And it shall be that the rod of the man whom I choose will blossom, thus I will rid Myself of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which they \_\_\_\_\_ against you.”

**Definition: “BLAMELESS and harmless, children of God without FAULT” – God is the One who makes and DECLARES us blameless in His sight.** We are to try our best to follow Him and keep His commandments, but we can never make ourselves pure and without fault or sin, only God can do that through Jesus Christ.

• **Luke 1:6** “And they were both \_\_\_\_\_ before God, walking in all the \_\_\_\_\_ and ordinances of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Thessalonians 3:13** So that He may establish your hearts \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Christ with all His saints.”

• **Jude 24** “Now to Him who is able to \_\_\_\_\_ you from \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ before the presence of His glory with exceeding \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “That I have not RUN in VAIN or LABORED in VAIN” – Many times, the Bible talks about the Christian life as RUNNING a RACE.** God’s word says we should run that race with the object of winning the prize. To “run in vain” would mean you had entered the race, but dropped out or failed to finish somehow, and that **NOTHING was ACCOMPLISHED**. **Vain means EMPTY, WORTHLESS or POINTLESS**. Paul is NOT talking about running to win our salvation, because salvation is a gift, but rather that **ONCE WE ARE SAVED, it’s as if we’ve signed up for the race**, and now we are running to win a prize. The “prize” or prizes we could win are **the REWARDS we will RECEIVE in HEAVEN for our FAITHFUL SERVICE to GOD (I Corinthians 3:11-15)**. Again, it is NOT trying to win, earn or gain our salvation, but rather rewards to be received when we meet Jesus in heaven.

• **Hebrews 12:1** “Therefore, we also, since we are \_\_\_\_\_ by so great a

cloud of \_\_\_\_\_, let us lay aside every \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ which so easily ensnares us (trips us up), and let us \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that is set before us.”

• **I Corinthians 9:24** “Do you not know that those who \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_, but one receives the \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ in such a \_\_\_\_\_ that you may \_\_\_\_\_ it. And everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ is temperate (self-controlled, disciplined) in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable \_\_\_\_\_, but we for an imperishable \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore I \_\_\_\_\_ thus: \_\_\_\_\_ with uncertainty. Thus I \_\_\_\_\_: not as one who beats the air.”

• **Matthew 25:23** “His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ servant; you have been \_\_\_\_\_ over a few things. I will make you \_\_\_\_\_ over many things. Enter into the \_\_\_\_\_ of your Lord.’”

• **Romans 14:10** “But why do you \_\_\_\_\_ your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall \_\_\_\_\_ stand before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of \_\_\_\_\_.”

17-18 Yes, and if I am being **POURED OUT as a DRINK OFFERING on the sacrifice** and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason **you also be GLAD and REJOICE with me.**

• **II Timothy 4:6-7** “For I am already being \_\_\_\_\_ as a drink \_\_\_\_\_, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, I have kept the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Philippians 4:4** “\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord always. Again I will say, \_\_\_\_\_!”

• **I Thessalonians 5:16-18** “\_\_\_\_\_ always, pray without ceasing, in everything \_\_\_\_\_; for this is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ for you.”

• **Romans 5:11** “And not only that, but \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ through our Lord \_\_\_\_\_, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

**Definition: “POURED OUT as a DRINK OFFERING”** – Paul is referring to his **SACRIFICIAL MINISTRY** that he was carrying out for the Philippians (and other churches and believers, especially to the Gentiles). In the Old Testament, the Israelites were told to **give to God a DRINK OFFERING along with the many other animal sacrifices and food offerings they performed.**

• **Exodus 29:40-41** “With the one \_\_\_\_\_ shall be one-tenth of an ephah of \_\_\_\_\_ mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of an hin of \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_. And the other \_\_\_\_\_ you shall \_\_\_\_\_ at twilight; and you shall \_\_\_\_\_ with it the \_\_\_\_\_ offering and the \_\_\_\_\_, as in the morning, for a sweet aroma, and \_\_\_\_\_ made by fire to the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Numbers 29:6** “Besides the burnt offering with its \_\_\_\_\_ offering for the New Moon, the regular burnt \_\_\_\_\_ with its grain \_\_\_\_\_, and their \_\_\_\_\_, according to their ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Romans 15:16** “That I might be a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles might be \_\_\_\_\_, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”