

Sermon Discussion Guide



Date: **May 24, 2020**

Sermon Title: **The Ins & Outs of the Christian Life**

Scripture Text: **Philippians 2:12-18**

In this passage, Paul instructs his readers in aspects of living the Christian life. Ultimately, we are to be lights to those around us, by means of God's word. We are able to do this through the enabling Jesus Christ provides.

1. The Role of the Saints (Phil. 2:12)

Our obedience should not be based on a person (like the Pastor) but based on our relationship with God. By that obedience, we are to work out our salvation – the process of becoming more like Jesus Christ. This is to be done in an attitude of fear and trembling.

- **Describe what it looks like to 'work out your own salvation in fear and trembling'.**
- **Share a testimony of something God has done in your life in the past week.**

2. The Role of the Spirit (Phil. 2:13)

God does a work in us before He does a work through us. God gives us a 'want to' to do what He calls us to do.

- **What is something God has called you to do?**
- **How has He equipped you to do it?**
- **How much do you enjoy doing it?**
- **How has your obedience in this area effected your relationship with God?**

3. The Rules for the Saints (Phil. 2:14-16)

As God calls us to do His work, we are to respond without grumbling or disputing so we can be blameless, innocent (pure) and above reproach. As a result, we will be as lights (shine like stars) to the world around us.

- **How quick are you to grumble or complain when you are asked to do something?**
- **How can grumbling or complaining negatively impact those around us?**
- **What can you do to focus more on serving others joyfully (to be like lights to the world)?**

4. The Reward for the Saint (Phil. 2:16-18)

Paul ministered to the Philippian Christians. He experienced the joy that came with investing in others. There is no greater joy than to be part of another's spiritual growth and maturing.

- **Describe a time when someone invested in you and your spiritual growth.**
- **Has there been a time when you spent time ministering to another? What happened?**
- **How can you be more available to invest in helping others be spiritually mature?**

We all have a role to play in the family of God. What role will you play in the life of someone else?