

Work out your salvation

Philippians 2:12-18

Knowing God

- All will know the Lord
- God is love.... Unchanging
- God's grace....be thankful

- How do we respond to this knowledge?
- Paul told the Philippians ... 'work out your salvation'

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- Do we work for our salvation?
- What does it mean 'to work out our salvation'?

Philippians 2:12-13

- ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed— not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,
- ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Therefore.....

- Conduct yourself worthy of the gospel of Christ (1:27)
- Humility and unity in Christ (2:1-4)...consider others better themselves
- Follow the example of Jesus Christ (2:5-11).... Humility and obedience

Their obedience

- Obey.... in presence or absence
- Fear and trembling
- Integrity and consistency of Christian life....before God, not man. No hypocrisy.
- be serious about your obedience because God is serious about it.

Hypocrisy exposed

Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

Luke 12:1-5

Integrity ... before God

Work out your salvation

- **Make sure** of our salvation...
- Life **worthy of the gospel** ...
- **God's work in us** ... our privilege to join His work

**Not work for
salvation**

Salvation by grace, not merit

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

For it is by grace that you have been
saved, through faith--
and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God--
Not by works, so that on one can boast.

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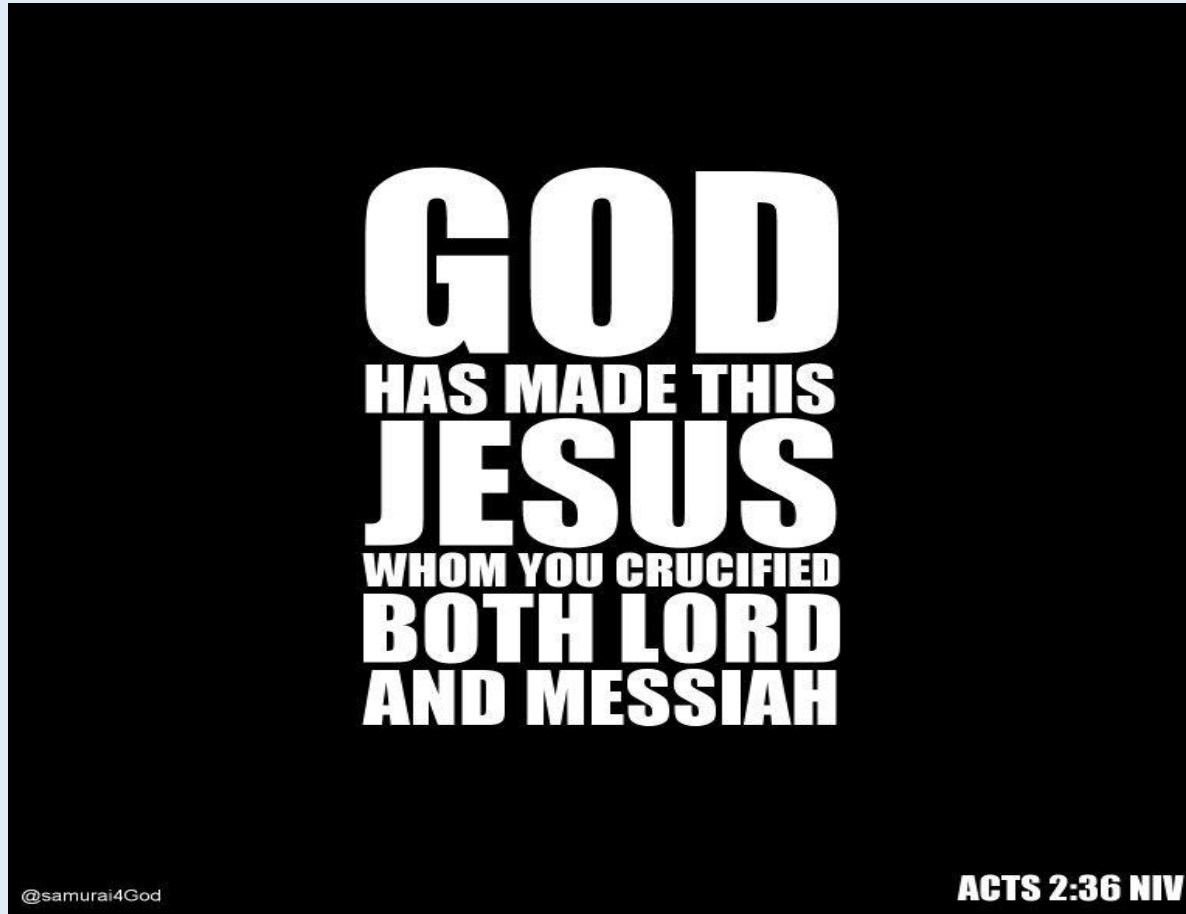
- Gift of God ... **cannot be earned by good works**

What is salvation?

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ONLY TRUE GOD, AND
JESUS CHRIST WHOM
YOU SENT.
JOHN 17:3

- Know God and Jesus Christ ... the only way to the Father, (John 14:6)

Pentecost sermon



Acts 2:36

Believe Jesus as Lord and Savior

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38

Romans 10:9-10

*“That if you **confess** with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

- Believe in heart .. justified
- Confession (words and action).. complete surrender to Him as Lord


But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God
it is evident: for the just shall live by

A person stands on a sandy beach with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The scene is set against a backdrop of waves and a bright, hazy sky. This image is framed within a large, black, rectangular border that contains the word "FAITH" in large, bold, black letters. The person's arms are positioned between the letters 'I' and 'T' of the word "FAITH".

FAITH

Galatians 3:11

God works in us...



FOR IT IS GOD WHO
WORKS IN YOU TO
WILL AND TO ACT IN
ORDER TO FULFILL
HIS GOOD PURPOSE.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

- Made us.....a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)
- We are to work out the new life ...the practical implications

Life worthy of the gospel

Philippians 1:27 (NIV)

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

- Conduct... integrity and consistency
- Unity in the Spirit

...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:5-6

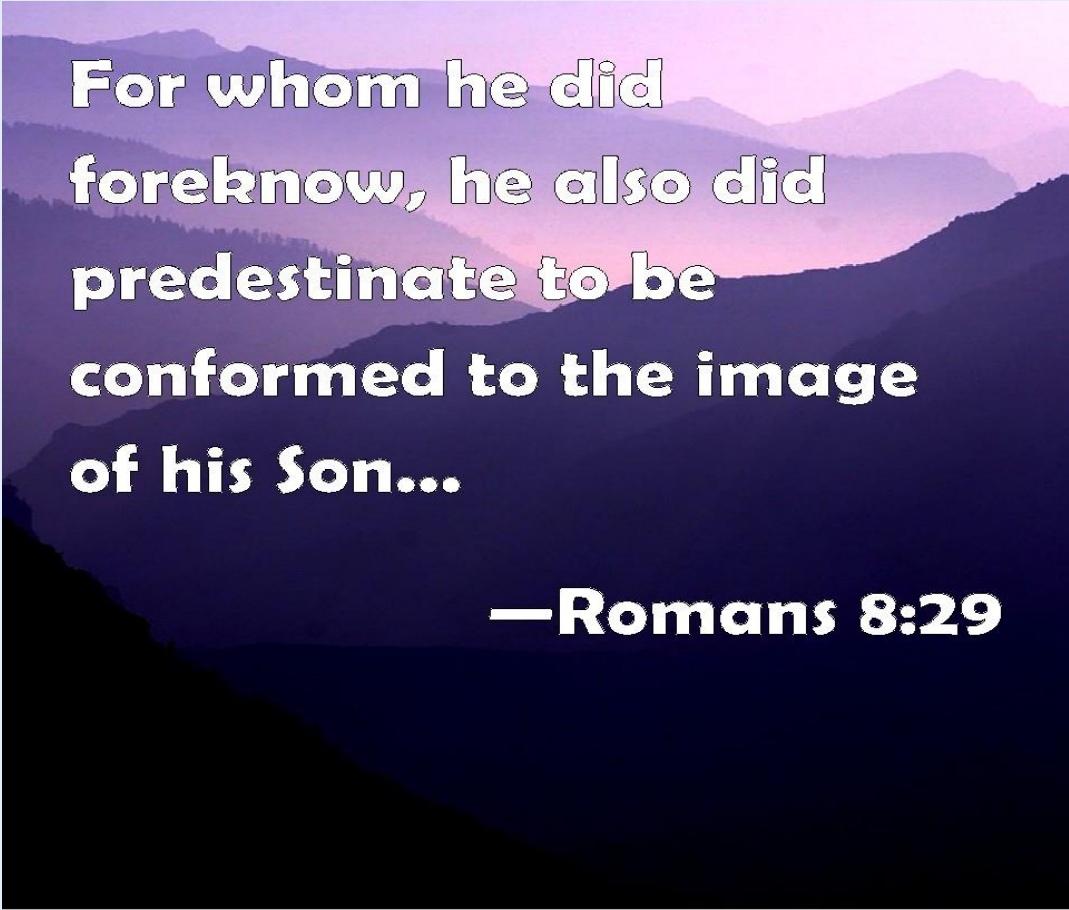


- God's work in them
..... partnership
- Confidence in God to complete it

His purpose for us.....

- For it is God who works in you **to will and to act according to His purpose (2:13)**

More like Christ



**For whom he did
foreknow, he also did
predestinate to be
conformed to the image
of his Son...**

—Romans 8:29

To do God's will

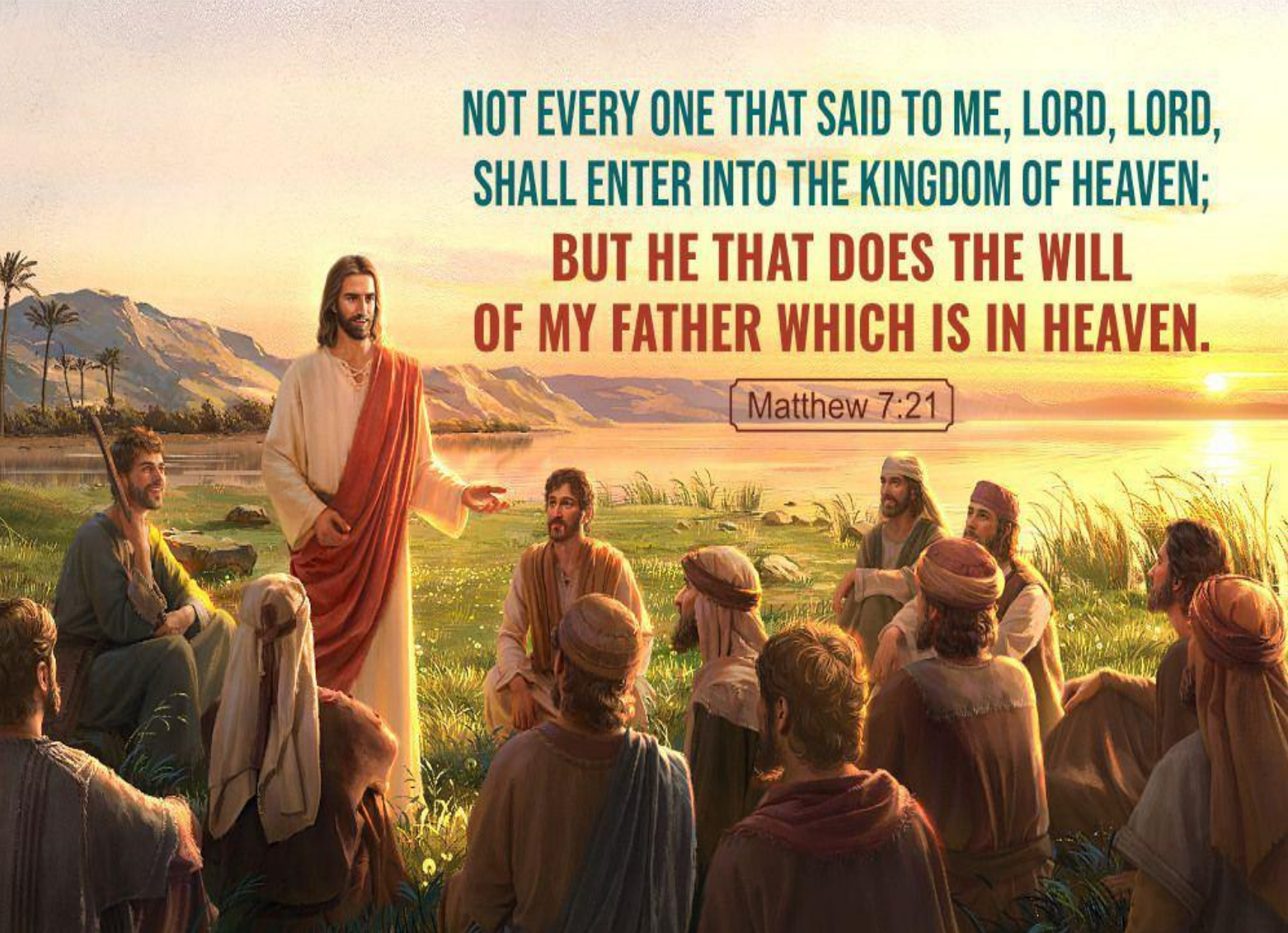


**For I came down from
heaven, not to do my own
will, but the will of him
that sent me.**

—John 6:38

- Jesus came to do the will of His Father.
- We must follow Him ..

To do God's will

A religious illustration depicting Jesus standing and addressing a group of men sitting on the grass by a lake. The scene is set during a golden sunset or sunrise, with mountains in the background. Jesus is wearing a white robe with a red sash. The men are dressed in simple, earthy-toned clothing. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**NOT EVERY ONE THAT SAID TO ME, LORD, LORD,
SHALL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN;
BUT HE THAT DOES THE WILL
OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.**

Matthew 7:21

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Christlikeness



BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS

LOVE, JOY, PEACE,

FORBEARANCE, KINDNESS,

GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,

GENTLENESS AND

SELF-CONTROL.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

- Conformity into the image of Christ.... transformation of Character



Love is patient and is kind. Love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud, doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-6

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1 Corinthians 13:4-6

**God is love.
Jesus is love.**


For we are his
workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus unto good
works, which God hath
before ordained that we
should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10



- God has begun the work...I must do my part to walk in them
- God has ordained.. walk in them with integrity and consistency

Work out ... our effort




For this purpose also
I labor, striving according
to His power, which
mightily works within me.
Colossians 1:29

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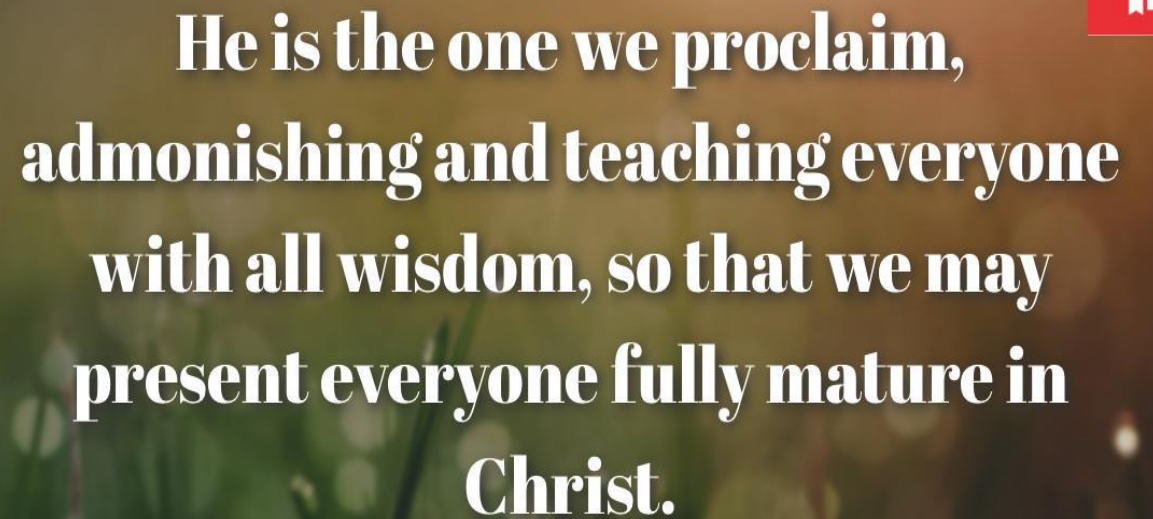
Paul works in accordance to
God's power at work in him.

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**He is the one we proclaim,
admonishing and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, so that we may
present everyone fully mature in
Christ.**

Colossians 1:28 NIV

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2 PETER 1:5–7

2 PETER

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

- Be more like our Lord Jesus Christ

For If You Possess These
Qualities In Increasing
Measure, They Will Keep
You From Being Ineffective
And Unproductive In Your
Knowledge Of Our Lord Jesus
Christ.

2 Peter 1-8

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- Effectiveness and productivity in ministry....depend on being more like Christ

Partnership...God's work

- 1 Corinthians 9:24..run the race (discipline of athlete)
- 2 Tim 4:7 .. fight the good fight(military discipline)
- Ephesians 6:7-8... serve wholehearted... marketplace
- Hebrews 12:4..struggle against sin
- 2 Corinthians 7:1.... avoid sin and perfecting in holiness in the fear of the Lord
- Colossians 3...put off old nature /put on new nature

1 Corinthians 15:10

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But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10 NIV

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Partnership of the gospel:

- Worked harder not less
- Grace of God with medependent on the Spirit's power

Life without grumbling...

- ¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life.

- Children of God....shine as stars
.. good witness
- Hold on to the word .. obedience

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Avoid grumbling and arguing

- Not consistent with obedience
- Cannot shine ... bad witness
- 1 Corinthians 10:10
Grumbling .. severely punished

Grumbling: Numbers 16



- Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram against Moses, Aaron and Miriam....coup
- Grumbled against Aaron and wanted the priesthood (power grab)
- Destroyed by an Earthquake



- 250 Levites, carrying incense, were killed by fire from the Lord

OT: God's wrath displayed against grumbling

Grumbling & arguing

- Grumbling

- Discontentment with God's will
- Expression of unbelief
- Prevented from being a true child of God and shining witness.

Arguing ...

- Over debatable points over human rules, not the essentials of the gospel
- anyone preaching a different gospel is cursed (Galatians 1:8)
- 2 Timothy 2:23, Titus 3:9...avoid useless arguments

Don't have anything to do
with foolish and stupid
arguments, because you
know they produce
quarrels.

2 TIMOTHY 2:23

Avoid unnecessary quarrels.

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2 TIMOTHY 2:23

Not lead to maturity
in Christ

Titus 3:9

"But avoid foolish controversies
and genealogies and arguments
and quarrels about the law,
because these are unprofitable
and useless."

Philippians: Unity...humility

make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2:2 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
But in humility consider others better than yourselves
Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4



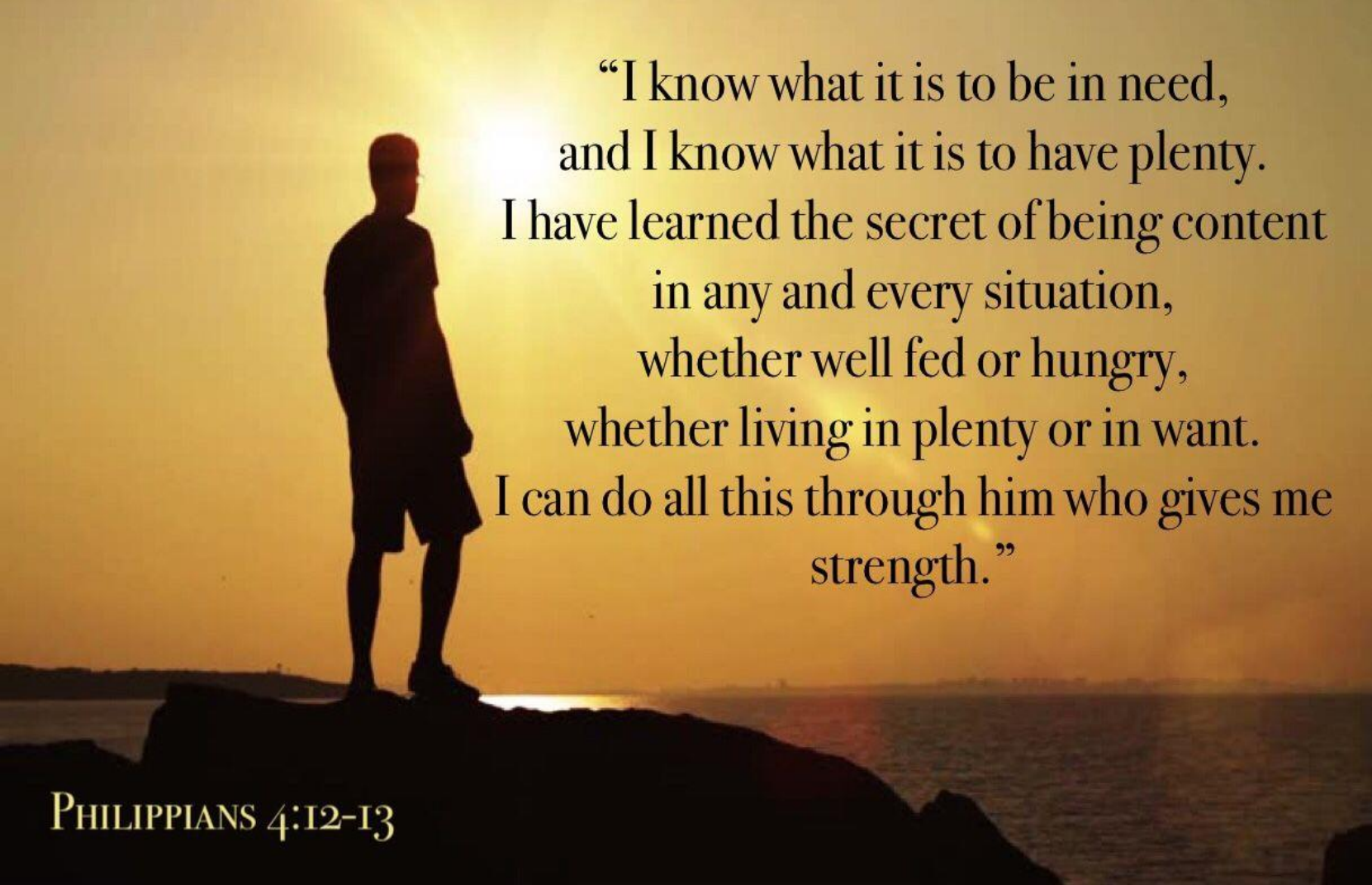
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

- God the Son...became a man
- Humbled himself in obedience....death on the cross

Humility and obedience of Jesus .. Key lessons

Be content....do not grumble



“I know what it is to be in need,
and I know what it is to have plenty.
I have learned the secret of being content
in any and every situation,
whether well fed or hungry,
whether living in plenty or in want.
I can do all this through him who gives me
strength.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13

- Be content...with God's provision and strength
- Be content with His purpose for us

What can we learn?

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ONLY TRUE GOD, AND
JESUS CHRIST WHOM
YOU SENT.
JOHN 17:3

- A gift of God... cannot work for salvation
- Believe and confess....surrender

Life worthy.....obedience

- Integrity and consistency of faith
- God's work in us and together with us... partnership
- More like Jesus our Lord

**Be Diligent
To Confirm Your
Calling And Election**

2 Peter 1:10

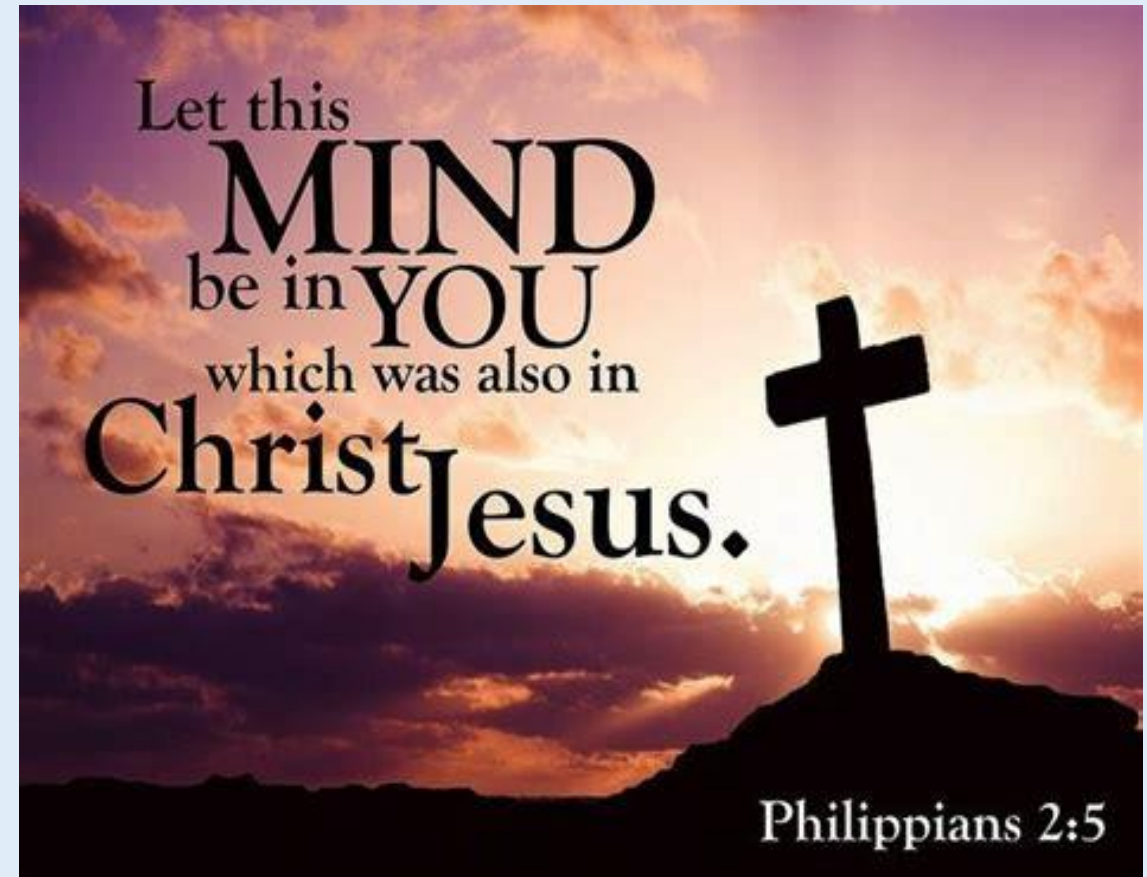
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Life worthy...

- Avoid grumbling or arguing
- Strive for humility and unity in the community of God
- Shine as stars in the sky.....be salt and light to the people around us.

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- Related to one another with humility and unity in the community of God
- Shine as stars in the sky.....be salt and light to the people around us.

Example of humility
and obedience



**Therefore, my beloved,
as you have always
obeyed, so now, not only
as in my presence but
much more in my
absence work out your
own salvation with fear
and trembling;**

-Philippians 2:12

**Renew our
commitment
to our Lord**

**Be more like
like Jesus**