

Sermon Scripture Passage: Philippians 2:12-30

12 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, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. 23 I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, 24 and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, 26 for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Scripture References:

Colossians 3:23-24 – 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

2 Corinthians 4:4-5 – The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Matthew 10:5, 7-8 – These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions...7 As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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Philippians #5 – Philippians 2:12-30 – Genuine Servants

Big Idea: God _____ the work of salvation within us, we are to live it out in _____!

Philippians 2:12-30: Twelve Principles for Becoming Genuine Servants of Christ

First – We serve the Lord whether people are _____ or not

Second – In our service we rely on His _____ not our own.

Third – We are to serve without _____

Fourth – We are to be as _____ as serpents and as _____ as doves

Fifth – The light of Christ in us shines all the brighter amidst _____

Sixth – We hold firm and walk in His _____ even through adversity

Seventh – We offer our service to the Lord and leave the _____

Eighth – We have a genuine _____ for others

Ninth – We can't do it all ourselves, we have to entrust _____

Tenth – We can't do it all ourselves, so we send out _____

Eleventh – Serving God involves _____ and so we seek His Protection for the work

Twelfth – Take time to share and _____ when we see God's hand at work.

Application: Thinking about 2 Corinthians 4:4-5

What is the attitude of non-believers toward Christianity in our culture right now?

In what way does it seem like they are "blind" to the good news of Christ?

What strategy does this passage have for overcoming that blindness?

Answers for the blanks:

- Began
- Public
- Watching
- Strength
- Grumbling or disputing
- Wise --- innocent
- Opposition
- Joy
- Results to God
- Concern
- Ministry to others
- Representatives and Support
- Risk
- Celebrate
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