

Philippians 2:12-30, Shine On! 1-30-22

Introduction: Acts 16 introduces us to 3 people.

1. Lydia who was Paul's first convert.

- A. Lydia was a wealthy Asian woman in the fashion business.
- B. She had begun worshipping the God of Israel.

2. Demon-possessed servant girl. She was the exact opposite of Lydia.

3. The blue collar jailer. He actually tortured Paul and Silas

Three Great Themes Thus Far in Philippians:

I. The grace of Christ can save anyone

II. The grace of Christ changes us.

"(I am) 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 1:6

III. Commitment to Christ means we are committed to serve one another.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:3-5

I. Paul tells us to work out our salvation. (Not work for or work toward). 2:12

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 2:12

When Paul tells us to work out our salvation he is talking about our sanctification, or our growth in Christlikeness.

II. Our growth in holiness is a joint venture. 2:13

for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. 2:13

A. We press on toward Christlikeness

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Philippians 3:12

B. We press on toward Christlikeness with the power of the Holy Spirit

"the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you..." Romans 8:11

III. Our pursuit of Christlikeness becomes a witness to the world. 2:15-16

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 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. 2:15-16

IV. Paul concludes this section by lifting up flesh and blood examples of faithfulness. 2:19-30

We need to have and then we need to be flesh and blood examples of Christlikeness.

Marketing Campaign: "You can't be what you can't see."

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Who can see Jesus in my life?