



Opening prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who are committed to your instruction that we may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Read Philippians 2:12-14

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

Watch the video

Follow this [link](#) or search for 'Grappling with Philippians 2' from the youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wolfmueller1>

Review and Discussion Questions

1. What is it that the Paul says the Philippians obeyed, both in his presence and absence?

2. How is it that we as Christians *obey* the gospel message? Through what is it obeyed?

3. Paul tells us to “work out our own salvation with fear and trembling”. What does this mean for the Christian to do? What does the Christian fear?

4. This text is not about *conversion*, which is by grace alone. How does that change what “working out” our salvation means?

5. The will is not the *cause* of conversion, but the object. Discuss what this says about how we are converted.

6. If the Christian is able to “will” and “do” according to God’s will, who is the one actually working?

7. Do these verses contain law, gospel, or both?
