**[Pressing Onward: Working In and Working Out]**

A Study in Philippians

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**Philippians 2: 12-13**

*Introduction*

The practice of our faith - our **pressing onward** - is not achieved in one or two grand moves or motivations but rather it is done practically, in the day to day of our everyday lives.

Verse 12

“Therefore” is a reference to all that has been said before, particularly what Paul has said in verse 2: 5-11.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in light of Christ, his obedience, and his work - we must as the people of God continue down the path of obedience and strive to PRESS ONWARD.

The word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this verse lets us know that Paul is writing to *Christians* whom he has great love and affection for.

Obedience is the path (or vehicle) for ***pressing onward.***

Faith in Christ always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_obedience to Christ.

God is not calling us to *perfection* but rather a desire for and a striving to Christlikeness.

A commitment to obey God’s Word and a repentant heart when you fail are the marks of Christian and a true follower of Christ.

Our obedience is not only to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible understands and teaches us that salvation is simultaneously past, present, and future.

The moment we put our faith in Christ we are *justified, that is, we are* immediately saved from the penalty of sin).

As we grow in Christ, we are *sanctified*, that is, we are saved progressively from the power and practice of sin).

Finally, one day in *glorification* we are saved ultimately from the presence of sin.

In our passage, Paul is referring to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the daily process of our growing to be more like Christ as we are saved from the power and practice of sin.

We are told to “work out” not to “work for” our salvation.

God calls us to a healthy, right, and reverent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of himself.

*Verse 13*

God does not do the work of sanctification (**pressing onward**) for us but rather in mystery he empowers and effects this work in us.

God is at work in us “for his good pleasure” because God is made happy by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his people.

The work of our sanctification is done simultaneously as God works our salvation in us and we work out our salvation at the ground level in everyday life.

+**Blanks:** Therefore; beloved; equals; consistent & increasing;sanctification; fear; holiness