

Archetypes

(Philippians 2:12-18) *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, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life - in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.*

PERFORMANCE MATTERS

Successfully following Christ involves “doing” certain things.

1. We Are to Work

(2:12b) *Continue to work out your salvation.*

- A. Past: We “have been” saved from the “penalty” of sin.
- B. Future: We “will be” saved from the “presence” of sin.
- C. Present: We “are being” saved from the “power” of sin.

2. God is Our Fuel

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

- A. God the Son offered His life as payment for our sins.
- B. God the Father accepted Christ’s death as payment for our sins.
- C. God the Spirit indwells in us to give us power over our sins.

3. Joy is Our Pay

(17) *I am glad and rejoice.*

(18) *You too should be glad and rejoice.*

(15) *...the crooked and depraved generation...*

(15) *...in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.*

- A. The reality of this past, present and future salvation.
- B. The reality of the great work of the trinity of God.
- C. Supernatural news they wanted to share with whoever would listen.