

## Children of God

### Introduction ---

In this study we focus our attention on Philippians 2vs12-18. Having described the attitude or mindset which Christ has modelled and which Christians are to imitate, Paul now calls upon the Philippians to “work out” their salvation “with fear and trembling”. The word that Paul uses here refers to strenuous, committed effort and highlights the responsibility that Christians have to express their new relationship with Christ in every area of daily life. The reason we are to do this is because God is “at work” *in us* to will and to act according to His good purposes. Being a Christian leads to a new commitment to what God wants in our lives and a new determination to put our faith into practice. In this way we are light in a dark world, holding out the word of life – the gospel - to those who live under the shadow of death.

### Study Questions ---

(These questions should be answered from the text)

Read Philippians 2vs11-18.

1. What is the obedience to which Paul is referring in 2vs12?
2. What form would it take for the Philippians into the future?
3. What does Paul mean when he says “work out your salvation”?

4. What motivates and empowers Christians to work out their salvation?

5. How should Christians see themselves in relation to the world around them?

6. What is Paul's ambition for the Philippians? (compare 1vs9-10)

7. What was the source of Paul's joy as he faced an uncertain future?

### **Think it Through**

---

1. In what way should / can we as a local church witness to those around us?