

Poured Out For Others

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, May 17, 2020; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: Standing firm in our faith as a unified body of believers requires that we work out our salvation with fear and trembling by being poured out for others, knowing that Jesus was joyfully and sacrificially poured out for us!

I. Work Out Your Salvation – Philippians 2:12-16

- A. There is a significant difference between “working for your salvation” and “working out your salvation.” What’s the difference between the two and why is it a necessary distinction to make?
- B. How is it possible that we are working and God is working at the same time? Paul is saying that underneath our work is God’s work. How does this bring encouragement to the Christian?
- C. According to Paul, what are some ways for us to work out our salvation (2:14-16)? What do you think it looks like to be “blameless and innocent” or “to shine as lights in the world”?
- D. What causes you to grumble against others or start a dispute? How can you grow in this area? How can you grow in shining as a light in the world and sharing the gospel with others?

II. Poured Out For Others – Philippians 2:17-30

- A. As you think about Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus and the example that each one of them are of being poured out for the gospel, what uniquely stands out about each one of them?
- B. Why do you think Paul calls Epaphroditus his “brother”, “fellow worker”, “fellow soldier,” and “messenger and minister”? What is the significance of each of these descriptions?
- C. Knowing the pattern given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ of humiliation and exaltation, what are some ways in which we can “honor” servants of the gospel like Timothy and Epaphroditus?
- D. What are some practical things you can do in your own daily life to be others-oriented and to be “poured out” for people in our congregation? Try to create a list of at least three things.

III. Growing in Being Poured Out for Others – Application

- A. Do you tend to be passive in your approach to sanctification? If so, what are some practical steps you can take to actively work out your salvation with fear and trembling?
- B. What characterizes your life, joy or grumbling, getting along with others or disputing? What areas of life could use improvement in being a more joyful Christian who is above reproach?
- C. Are you sacrificing your life (time, talents, treasures, and touches) for the sake of your brothers and sisters in Christ? How can you grow in being poured out for others in the church?