Living Joyfully Joy In Growing Up Philippians 2:12-18

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." (Romans 8:28–29)

Joy is found as we become the person that God has created us to be!

How To Grow Into the Person God Has Created Us To Be

1. What God Has Given You (12-13)

"work out": Not work for your salvation

Work out the implications of your salvation

"your own salvation": Individual assignment - Unique

| Accept personal responsibility |
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| - "always" - "not just in my presence" (See 1 John 2:3-6) |
| • – "with fear and trembling" |
| Wholesome, healthy reverential awe for God |
| • God who works in you" |
| We are dependent upon God's Spirit at work within us |
| "For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me." (Colossians 1:29) |
| • "for his good pleasure" |
| Working out our salvation brings pleasure to God and joy to us as we become the people God created us to be! |

2. Do Not Get

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| • | "contentious spirit" |
| Attitude of th | ne heart and a tone of the |
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| | uld give compelling evidence hildren of God. |
| (See John 17: | 13-18) |
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| The Wo | ra (16) |
| character is l so also is rigl | t doctrine without right hypocritical and ineffective, nt living ineffective if not proclaiming gospel MacArthur |
| 5. <u>(17)</u> | The Church |

Paul uses the OT picture of a "drink offering" to communicate their mutual life and serving of God and one another.

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." (1 John 3:16)

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We are called to be channels of the Lord's joy into the lives of others!

"And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (Luke 9:23-24)

Making It Personal:

- Have you personally experienced God's salvation working in you through repentance from sin and faith toward Jesus Christ?
- Where do you need to obey God right now?
- What is God saying to you about:
- Grumbling and disputing?
- > Living Distinctly?
- Living and Speaking the Word?
- Serving the Church?
- Sharing the Joy?
- Who can you share these truths with?