

MARKET STREET



"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

MESSENGER

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Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

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Work Out Your Own Salvation

David A. Cox

Paul writing to the church at Philippi said, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

This verse is often quoted trying to prove that it does not matter what one does toward salvation as long as one is sincere. However, this is not at all what Paul is talking about in this verse. This passage is not teaching that man does just what ever he wants or perform works of merit to earn salvation. Paul is impressing the lesson that each one has a personal responsibility toward God. Paul addressed the Christians at Philippi exhorting them to live the life of sacrifice (Romans 12:1), and to do the "good works" God had ordained to be done (Ephesians 2:10). Paul says that the Christians at Philippi, had "obeyed" in the past. What did Paul mean by "obeyed"?

In Acts 2, there is a similar statement made when Peter preached the gospel to those gathered at Jerusalem. Those that heard Peter cried out saying, "Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward (perverse) generation" (Acts 2:38, 40). Peter told those at Jerusalem to "save yourselves", but how were they to do that? He did not mean by saving themselves that they could do whatever good they wanted and be saved. He had just told them about the gracious gift from God. Rather, when Peter said to "Save yourselves" he was teaching them that they were personally responsible to obey the commands of God to "Repent and be baptized." In Philippians 2, these Christians had "obeyed" the gospel and had become children of God (Galatians 3:26-27).

It is clear then that as Paul tells the Philippians to "Work out your own salvation" he is not referring to their complying with God's condi-

tions to become children of God; they had done that already. Instead, he is exhorting them to continue to live in accordance with God's word. Paul continued to remind them of the kind of life they should live "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:15-16).

Paul admonished them to run the race, work to the end, and not to be guilty of neglecting their salvation. Paul had seen others neglect their salvation and make shipwreck of their faith (1 Timothy 1:19-20). He did not want to see this happen at Philippi. Paul told them to work as he also reminded the Corinthians to "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Many today have failed to work out their salvation; they have turned aside and back to the elements of this world. Let us remember the admonition "to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" and to constantly live a life that "shine as lights in the world."



The Very Words of God

Michael W. McLemore

Words are the medium through which humans communicate. Each word has its own particular meaning, which can be found in any dictionary. Most words have several meanings, and can be used in various ways. For instance, the word "pass" has twenty-four different meanings. The word "wind" is used in twenty different ways. Words are important because God has chosen to reveal His will to us through words. Thus, we must be careful how we use words, and we must use them as they are meant to be understood, especially words used in the Bible.

Although God has spoken in the past directly to man, and has in the past revealed His will to man through prophets, today He speaks to us only through the words of the Bible. But the words of the Bible are

more than ink on paper. The Hebrew writer declares, "The word of God is quick (living, mwm) and powerful (active, mwm), and sharper than any two-edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12). Jesus said, "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). Paul reminded Timothy, "all scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

What other conclusion can be drawn? Every word in the Bible is important. Jesus warned on one occasion, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that man shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by the words thou shalt be justified, and by the words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37). John wrote in Revelation 20:12, that we will be judged by the words of the Bible (c.f. John 12:48-50).

In using words properly from the Bible we must. "rightly divide the Word" (2 Timothy 2:15). This involves approaching the Bible with the belief that it is inspired, and that there are no contradictions in it – a fact that becomes more evident with investigation. We must seek to find what the writer is saying, why he is saying it, and what meaning he intended to impart to the reader. We should not use the Bible to "prove" our own beliefs and presumptions, but we must let the word instruct us.

As we study we should use the rules of Bible study, and logic as well. These rules are the same as we would use in studying any literature. We should realize there is both literal and figurative language used in the scriptures. As we study we should ask questions. First, "Who is writing?" Second, "To whom is he writing?" Third, one might ask, "Who is speaking in the immediate context of my reading?" A fourth germane inquiry might be, "What period of the Bible history are we dealing with?" Fifth, "Why is he writing?" And a sixth question one should ask: "How does this passage or verse harmonize with all the other Bible teaching?" We should observe from the scriptures themselves that God reveals His will to us in the word by direct statement or command. Too, he used authoritative examples to reveal His Divine pattern. Finally, inescapable conclusion disclose the Heavenly mind to man.

Study is facilitated by many different aids that are available. Realizing, of course, these helps are not inspired. Bible dictionaries, Bible atlases, concordances, lexicons, commentaries and other books are available to us. Various versions of the Bible may be used in study.

The New Testament, our authority today in all religious matters, warns against using words of the Bible improperly. Paul told the Ephesian elders at Miletus that, "...of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30). He warned the churches at Galatia that, "there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:7). Peter wrote of those who, "are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the others scriptures, unto their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16). In each of these instances, brethren were guilty of using the word incorrectly.

Some use the scriptures improperly to advance their agenda to change the church. These downplay the importance of the scriptures. They say New Testament books are "love letters," and not to be taken as law or for a pattern. They are rejecting the teachings of God's words. The appeal is for a "New Hermeneutic," or new methods of interpreting scripture for the modern age. The foundational charge is that we have not interpreted the scriptures correctly. This error should be rejected!

God's word is divinely inspired. It is infallible as given in its original state. Every word in the Bible is important, and to be understood and followed in the period of Bible history it applies. We must seek today to follow the New Testament in all that we do. All that we do and say should be summarized in the immortal message of Peter, apostle of Christ – "If any man speak, let him speak the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11).

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Phillip Harwell	Ava Brooke Cambell
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Mable Crafts, rm. 71	

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Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

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Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Mary Ruth Gardner, at home
David Rice, Mobile, Alabama
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUR MEETING: What a great week we experienced this past week at Market Street. Our meeting with **Gardner Hall** was very encouraging and uplifting. Brother Hall did his work well and the lessons were beneficial to all who heard them. The singing throughout the meeting was edifying. I appreciate our songleaders and the way in which they prepared for the work of leading the singing. Many visitors expressed to me how much they enjoyed their visit and the singing too. We averaged 158 for the meeting which is very good for the fall meeting. We had a good number of visitors during the meeting and some that are looking for a place to attend. The church here deserves to be commended for

your work in inviting others, and your greeting of those that came to visit with us. There were approximately 1400 invitations distributed for the meeting, through Facebook, mailing, or personally handed to others. Let us continue to remember the lessons taught and the open doors it has given us. May the Lord bless our work here at Market Street.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: There will be a gospel meeting beginning today at the *Trinity church* in Trinity. The meeting will continue through Tuesday. *Jeremy Paschall of Cullman* will be the speaker in the meeting... *Westview church* in Hartselle will begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. *Joe Greer* will be the speaker in this meeting.

OUT OF TOWN: *Ida Nell Griffin* is on a trip abroad in Israel this past week... *Nancy Abernathy* is in Arkansas this week.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Jerry McGlocklin and all the family*, in the passing of his sister, *Rosella Pugh*, this past Sunday. Her funeral was on Tuesday afternoon at Limestone Chapel.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the book of "Proverbs". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember *Mitzi Carruth's* son-in-law, *Joel Smith*, who is in Afghanistan serving the U. S. military. Keep him in your prayers.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group Two will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Oct. 13th*

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 123
Morning Worship 182
Evening Worship..... 149

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 115



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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Todd Williams
Prayer Marcus Morris
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jerry McGlocklin
Assisting Ronnie Locke
Serving Norman Brown ... Nathaniel Adams
..... David Terry Brandon Griswold
Closing Prayer Keith Hinkle

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Marty Adams
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 20th:

Usher Delmer Carter
Work Sound System Terry Andrews

Wednesday, October 23rd:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
Bible Reading..... Mark 6:45-56
..... Dwaine Allfrey
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Invitation David Cox
Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Sunday, October 27th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Ross Melvin
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Kenneth Smith
Assisting Tommy Coblentz
Serving Marion Mitchell Landon Adams
..... Paul Hasting Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer Mot Dollar

Evening Worship

Announcements Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader Stefan Fudge
Prayer Dan Reed
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 27th:

Usher Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams