

LIVING TO PLEASE GOD – 2
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REVIEW:

COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 (ESV)

- We are to be God pleasers, not people or self pleasers.
- Why? Coming judgment, show our love, the benefits.
- What? Inwardly – maintaining a right heart attitude toward God and His Word. Learning to walk by faith.
- How? Being spiritually minded. **ROMANS 8:4-8 (GNT)**

CONTINUE:

EPHESIANS 5:8-10 (GNT), PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13 (AMPC)

1. Work.

- A.** Defined: Activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose or result. Exertion or effort directed to produce or accomplish something.
- B.** It doesn't matter what the subject is, work implies putting time, effort and energy into something.
 - Marriage, yard, tennis game, building project.
- C.** In context, the object of our work is our salvation.
 - We are to put time, effort and energy in getting what God put inside us to the outside of us.

2. Work out.

- A.** Not for our salvation. **EPHESIANS 2:8-10 (NLT – AMPC)**
- B.** Allow what's happened in us to manifest outwardly. **GALATIANS 5:16-25**, walking in the spirit pleases God.
- C.** The fruit bearing process.
 - By reading we know.
 - By knowing we love.
 - By loving we obey.
 - By obeying we abide.
 - By abiding we bear fruit.
 - By bearing fruit we please God. **JOHN 15:1-8**
- D.** Our salvation with fear and trembling.
 - **PHILIPPIANS 2:12 (AMPC)** – With reverence and awe.
 - **2 PETER 1:4-10 (AMPC)**

3. Work in.

- A.** Why spend time, effort and energy working out our salvation? Because God who created the universe is interested in our well being and has invested the life of His Son in order to get into our lives.
- B.** Salvation incorporates all three tenses. We were saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved. The spirit was saved, the soul is being saved, and the body will be saved.
 - **PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NLT)**
- C.** To will and to do His good pleasure. **PHILIPPIANS 2:13 (NLT)**
 - He is at work in all of us creating the desire to do what pleases Him and giving us the power to do it.

CONCLUSION: Our God created the universe, the stars, planets and every living thing there is. He made man in His image and His heart was grieved when man rebelled. What gives Him pleasure today is not the universe, but seeing His salvation worked out in our lives. When man sinned, he fell short of God's glory. In Christ, that glory is restored! Let's please Him by allowing Him to have His way in and through us.