



A Work in Progress
Philippians 2:12-18

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Years ago, it was not uncommon to see a Christian wearing a t-shirt or pin-on button that said, "PBPGINFWMY." The letters were an acrostic that meant, "Please be patient, God is not finished with me yet."

The truth is that God has a wonderful plan for our lives. He is shaping us for His purpose, but we are truly a work in progress.

In this study, we will learn that God's saving grace and His enabling grace are two essential elements of the process of our salvation.

Main Thought...

➤ God's commandments are His _____.

1. God enables our _____ (v. 12-13).

- The right _____ for obedience (v. 12).
- The divine _____ for obedience (v. 13).

Ps. 111:10; Pr. 1:7; 9:10 Eph. 2:8-10; 3:20; 2 Pt. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:10

2. God expects our _____ (v. 14-16).

- Maintain a _____ spirit (v. 14).
- Shine as _____ in the world (v. 15).
- Hold fast to the _____ of Life (v. 16).

Eph. 4:1, 29-30; 5:8; Mt. 5:14-16; Jn. 8:31-32; 2 Tm. 2:15

3. God enlarges our _____ (v. 17-18).

Neh. 8:10; Jn. 15:11

Final Thoughts...

➤ *In all construction projects patience is _____.*

➤ *Spiritual construction begins with saving _____.*