

PERSPECTIVE: WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
-Pastor Dan Morgan, Phil 2:11-30, 5/6/18

Context:

- ✓ The Apostle Paul **planted** the church in Philippi on his second missionary **journey** around 52 A.D.
- ✓ This is Paul's "**thank you**" letter in 62 A.D.
- ✓ Paul wrote Philippians from a Roman **prison** while awaiting potential execution.

SINCE JESUS WAS HUMBLE AND OBEDIENT...

- **I Will Look for ways God is Working in my SPIRITUAL-Life.**

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to **work out your salvation with fear and trembling**, ¹³ for it is God **who works** in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:12-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1-2

Q: Can I “lose” my salvation?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Cor 5:17

- ✓ Nothing can separate us from Jesus. Romans 8:38-39
- ✓ Nothing can remove a Christian from Jesus' protection. John 10:28-29
- ✓ God is protecting you from a major fall. Jude 23-24

- **I Will Look for ways God is Working in my SPEECH-life.**

¹⁴ Do **everything** without **grumbling or arguing**, ¹⁵ so that you may become **blameless and pure**, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. Philippians 2:14-16

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, **but will have the light of life.**”* John 8:12

- **I Will base my joy on what God is Doing IN and THROUGH me.**

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a **drink offering** on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and **rejoice** with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. Phil 2:17-18

- **I Will Model Paul's Expression of THANKFULNESS for Timothy.**

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine **concern** for your **welfare**. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. Philippians 2:19-24

- **I Will Model Paul's Expression of CONCERN for Epaphroditus.**

²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, **whom you sent to take care of my needs**. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is **distressed** because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me **sorrow upon sorrow**. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less **anxiety**. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me. Phil 2:19-30