20201025 Because God works in you

Philippians 2:12-13

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 according to his good purpose.

**1. WHAT IS SALVATION?**

Some people think salvation is just:

* Being forgiven of their sins
* Going to heaven someday

Ephesians 3:6

6 **This mystery** is that **through the gospel** the Gentiles are **heirs** together with Israel…

Ephesians 3:17-19

17 …And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may **be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God**.

Ephesians 4:13

13 Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, **attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ**.

Genesis 15:1

1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am** your shield, **your very great reward**.”

**2. THE NECESSITY OF OUR TENACITY**

Galatians 5:16

16 I say then: **Walk** in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (New King James Version)

**3. THE NECESSITY OF OUR EFFORT**

Colossians 3:9-10

9 …since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 …and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Hebrews 12:1

1 …Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**4. THE AWE OF OUR SALVATION**

Hebrews 2:3

3 How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

**5. THE RESOURCE OF OUR ESSENTIAL ATTITUDE WITH ONE ANOTHER**

Philippians 2:13

13 for **it is God who works in you** to will and to act **according to his good purpose**.