

**“It Is God Who
Works in You...”**



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12 Therefore, my beloved, as you 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; **13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. **14** Do all things without complaining and disputing, **15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **16** holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Work God Influences Us to Desire & Do

- **Doing All Without Complaining and Disputing**
 - *1 Cor. 10:6-11* Israel serves as a negative example for us
 - *Jude 16-19* Selfishness produces grumbling
- **Becoming Blameless and Harmless**
 - Actions must be blameless (to God) & harmless (to men)
 - *1 Thess. 3:11-13* Lord produces such in heart by message
 - *1 Thess. 5:23* Sanctifies by influence, not... (*2 Pet. 3:14*)
- **Being Lights Amidst Darkness**
 - Need increases amidst “crooked and perverse generation”
 - *Matt. 5:14-16* We must be lights leading others to God
 - *Titus 2:7-8* Must be an example in actions & speech
- **Holding Fast the Word of Life**
 - *2 Tim. 1:13-14* Must hold pattern of sound words
 - *1 Pet. 3:15* First sanctify Christ as Lord, then let it show

Ephesians 4:17-16

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the vanity of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; ¹⁹ who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But ye did not so learn Christ; ²¹ if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: ²² that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; ²³ and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth. (*ASV*)