

**Rejoicing in Christ**  
**“Working Out What God Works In”**  
**(Philippians 2:12-13)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** I want you to consider with me three characteristics of sanctification in believers so that you might be encouraged toward genuine Christian living and know that you're bringing God great pleasure (vs. 13c).

I. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ to God (vs. 12a).

II. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vs. 12c).

III. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in God (vs. 13).

## **Conclusion**

### **Text: Philippians 2:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing; <sup>15</sup> so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

### **Related Texts:**

#### **1 Peter 1:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a**

<sup>1</sup> Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority* of the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification;

#### **Proverbs 9:10**

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

#### **1 Peter 1:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

#### **Ephesians 2:10**

<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

#### **Colossians 1:29**

<sup>29</sup> For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

<sup>13</sup> For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.