

Pursuing Eternal Life (What Is Your Goal?)

By: Jay Dixon

Paul had given up everything he once regarded significant in his life, that he may gain Christ and be a partaker of the resurrection from the dead. However, he readily acknowledges that he is not there yet, saying, **"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."** **Philippians 3:12**

Jesus has given us the victory; however, we must still run the course. Paul was eagerly pursuing eternal life with the intent of taking hold of it. In one sense, he had done that; however, obtaining eternal life in its fullest sense was yet future. Being perfected" or made complete would be something that could only take place in the resurrection of the dead. The resurrection of the dead for the justified is the ultimate prize. Being a partaker as Christ did and being raised unto eternal life was Paul's goal. What is our goal?



Kids Column

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." (2 Cor. 10:3-6)

Please notice that Paul uses the word "weapon" in the plural (not "weapon," but "weapons"). Thus, the Christian has, not just one, but numerous weapons at his disposal in his spiritual warfare. Some of those weapons are: prayer, love, truth, example, etc. Please notice also that the Christian's main battle begins, and should end, in his own mind; e.g., "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." Jesus said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (Mark 7:20-21)

Gods Plan Of Salvation

Hear, Romans 10:17, Believe, John-8:24, Repent, Luke 13:3, Confess, Romans-10:9-10, Baptism, Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful, Revelation 2:10

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Work Out Your Salvation: A Biblical Perspective

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“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...” (Philippians 2:12)

The words work out means to work fully, accomplish, to finish or fashion.

“Work out...” kat-er-gad’-zom-ahee From G2596 and G2038; to work fully, that is, accomplish; by implication to finish, fashion... (Strong's)

This word was used by the first century author Strabo to speak of digging silver out of silver mines. (Nelson)

If a mine is worked out, all the coal, gold etc has been removed from it...

Paul encourages the saints at Philippi to see their salvation through to the end; to work out their salvation. He is not asking them to do enough good works to earn salvation, but rather to live like those who are already saved. The idea is to live with the passion and attention of someone holding on to a precious possession, one more valuable than the world and everything in it. This possession is unique to you; everyone has one, but no one has the one you possess, and it is something you do not want to lose. This precious possession refers to our soul. The rescue of our soul and safety that Christ has brought to our soul should not be forgotten. Work diligently, complete the course, and finish fully.

A Christian is to complete the work that began when they first entered into a relationship with God. When we enlist in the LORD'S Army, there is work for us and we are responsible until we finish the course. As Paul's life was nearing its end, he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." 2nd Timothy 4:7-8 He did not claim to have fought a perfect fight, but he endured. He maintained his faith even in the face of adversity. He continued running and completed the course with fear and trembling.