

# Our Calling and Cooperation

Philippians 2:12-16a (GNT)

So then, dear friends, as you always obeyed me when I was with you, it is even more important that you obey me now while I am away from you. Keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation, 13 because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose. 14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may be innocent and pure as God's perfect children, who live in a world of corrupt and sinful people. You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky, 16 as you offer them the message of life.

Remember that God is Love (agape) and we are to become a people of Love (agape).

Paul is talking to the beloved. The ones who are in Love (agape) together.

Paul is talking to y'all. (To us all.)

God is helping us want our shared salvation.

God is helping us, transforming us, into Christ's Church (ecclesia).

When we cooperate we become "stars lighting up the sky".

Salvation is hard work, in this world, It is about being transformed into Christ! - We need to learn devotional practices, ways to work through conflicts and decision making, and how to sort out what we are discovering to be true from what is proving to be incomplete or untrue.

Pay attention to what we really want. That is our Lord and precisely what we work for.

Shine on!