

Regeneration – God is at work us.

¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:13

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! II Corinthians 5:17

• A new ; a new gift; new desires.

Sanctification – Our ______ to God's grace.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to with fear and trembling, **work out your salvation...**¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. Philippians 2:12; 14-16

Three Examples of God's Power

Paul – A Miraculous

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. Philippians 2:17-18

• Timothy – An Leader

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. Philippians 2:19-24

Epaphroditus – An _____ Hero

²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me. Philippians 2:25-30

Next steps for today's message:

- □ Memorize Philippians 2:13 *"For it is God who works in you to will* and act according to his good purpose."
- □ Bring a friend with you on November 4 BIG Sunday.
- Help us host our annual Fall Festival. Visit the Welcome Center for more information.
- □ Check the connection card if you would like information on Baptism or Baby Dedication on November 4.