

Philippians 2:12–30

A shield wall = Unity + Standing Firm



1. Work out your salvation...

Salvation is a future thing in Philippians (1:6, 1:19, 1:28, 2:9, 2:12. 3:20)

2. By walking the Jesus' road

Jesus walked down v8, but then up v9

Therefore v12, you obey like him.

How far do we humble ourselves???



....v8 "*obedient to death, even death on a cross*"
(see also example of Paul 2:17, Epaphroditus 2:25-30)

Putting others ahead of ourselves is a form of dying to self.

Quarrels in church - giving others the right of way is an excellent decision for the gospel (1:9)

3. And we will dazzle

Which congregation do you want to be?

Old Israel - grumbling and disputing (Deut 32)
- *never made it to future salvation*

New Israel - shining like lights (Daniel 12)
- *Dazzling compared to this crooked and twisted generation*