

Remember

to forget.

Philippians 2:5–18 (ESV)

⁵ Have **this mind** among yourselves, **WHICH IS YOURS** in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the **form of God [IN VERY NATURE]**, did not count equality with God **a thing to be grasped**, ⁷ but **EMPTIED HIMSELF**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he **HUMBLED HIMSELF** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus **every knee** should bow, in **heaven** and on **earth** and **under the earth**, ¹¹ and **every tongue** confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father**.



THEREFORE, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your OWN salvation with fear and trembling, FOR IT IS GOD** who **works in you**, both to **WILL** and to **WORK** for **HIS** good pleasure. Do **all things** without **grumbling** or **disputing**, that you may be **blameless and innocent**, children of **God without blemish** in the midst of a **crooked** and **twisted** generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ **HOLDING FAST** to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ **I may be proud** that I did not **run** in vain or **labor in vain**. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.



What is Paul reminding us?

1. The subversive scandal of the humble King



Man's maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.

Augustine of Hippo



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1. The subversive scandal of the humble King
2. Our invitation and participation



Our participation is possible because:

1. We have Christ's mind



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1. We have Christ's mind
2. It is God who wills – gives me the DESIRE



Our participation is possible because:

1. We have Christ's mind
2. It is God who wills – gives me the DESIRE
3. It is God who works – gives me the POWER/MEANS



How do I know that I am working it out?

1. My attitude and posture toward my faith community



How do I know that I am working it out?

1. My attitude and posture toward my faith community
2. My witness in the world

