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Believer's Responsibility TOWARD SALVATION

Philippians 2:12-13 (NKJV)

¹²Therefore, 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; ¹³for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Introduction

Many Christians have been confused regarding God's sovereignty and human responsibility in the matter of salvation. Some emphasized on God's sovereignty without human responsibility (you don't need to preach the gospel because God does not need our help), and some stressed human responsibility over God's sovereignty (you need to preach the gospel to gain your salvation).

The Bible teaches God as sovereign, and yet we are also responsible for our salvation. Paul's message is for the believers (my beloved). He is not telling the unbelievers to work out so they can be saved. Paul is exhorting to the believers (already saved) to work out the things (responsibilities) regarding their salvation.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

A. Salvation comes first before we can work out.

The word "salvation" is often misunderstood and misused. For example, a person is trapped inside a sinking ship, but because of his knowledge, skills, and abilities, he somehow managed to escape that dire situation. That person does not need a savior. Only a person who cannot save himself needs a savior.

The Bible tells us that all human beings have sinned and the punishment is death.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23a

For the wages of sin is death.

Unless we see our desperate condition, we will not call out to God to save us.

Romans 10:13

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But there are conditions.

Romans 10:14-15

¹⁴How then shall they call on Him

in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

Many religious groups still believe that God will accept them because of their good works. Good works can never gain heaven for anyone because no amount of good works can ever eradicate our sin, and God's holiness and justice demand that the penalty for sin be paid. If anyone could earn heaven by good works, he would boast in himself, which God will not allow. We are not saved by our good works, and not even by our own faith. We are saved by Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

A person who points out that God will save him because he is a good person or has done good things for God is deceived. Even those who proclaim that Jesus is their Lord fail to enter heaven. Only those who recognized that they were lost and called out to God can be saved.

Matthew 7:20-21

²⁰Therefore by their fruits you will know them. ²¹"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Once we receive salvation through faith, then it is necessary to work it out daily. Since God looks at the heart, let us continually love God with our all.

Mark 12:30-31

³⁰"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. ³¹And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

B. Salvation is God's work from start to finish.

Hebrews 12:2a

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

John 1:12-13

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:



Ang dedikasyon ng bawat manggagawa sa ministeryo ng Panginoon ay tunay na walang kapaguran at hindi matatawaran ng anomang bagay. Kaya patuloy ang paglilingkod upang maipahayag ang Salita ng Diyos saan mang dako ng mundo.

Patotoo riyan ang mga *fellowship gathering* na kamakailan ay sinimulan upang maitipon ang mga anak ng Diyos at ang mga tupang naghahanap Kaniya. Ang gawain ay hindi limitado sa

face-to-face na pagtitipon bagkus ay umaabot din ito sa iba't ibang lugar sa pamamagitan ng *Google Meet*. Ang *Internet*, tulad sa nakasulat sa misyon ng panambahan, ay ginagamit sa maraming kaparaanan na nakapagbibigay luwalhati sa Diyos.

Ang mga buhay na hinipo ng Panginoon sa mga gawaing ito ay nagpapatotoo sa kabutihan at pagpapala ng dakilang Manlilikha. Narito ang ilan sa kanilang mga pasasalamat at karanasan sa buhay at tapat na Diyos.



Bro. Gio Lester Francisco

Online Attendee from Cavite



"Akin pong natunghayan kung gaano po kadakila ang Lord at na-bless ako ni Lord simula noong uma-attend ako ng fellowship gathering sa *Google Meet*. Patuloy akong uma-attend kasi nararamdaman ko sa aking sarili ang presensiya at desire para

mag-reconnect kay Lord. Iba nga talaga Siya kasi lahat ng bagay ay nagiging posible dahil sa Kaniya. Sobra ang pasasalamat ko dahil binigyan Niya ako ng strength at wisdom upang patuloy na malagpasan ang aming pinagdadaanan sa pagpanaw ng aking pinsan kamakailan. Thank You po, Lord!"

Bro. E.J. Carlo Aguinaldo

Online Attendee from Bulacan



"Na-invite ako last April 11, 2023 ni Doc Jona. Sobrang blessed ako noong time na iyon kasi even though online lang ako uma-attend ay ramdam na ramdam ko ang presence ni Lord that time. Palagi pa rin akong uma-attend dahil gusto kong maramdaman ang presence ni Lord

at kahit na via *Google Meet* ako uma-attend ay hindi naging hadlang iyon para makapag-praise and worship ako. Then last April 14, noong nagkaroon ng anointing service at habang nagdadasal ako ay may presence ni God na nakayakap sa akin, and He reminded me to just be faithful and always trust His plans lalo na sa career ko ngayon that He will use me in my workplace. God also reminded me that this journey will not be easy, but I will fear not for God will always be by my side no matter what happens."

Fellowship Gatherings

MAY 2023 SCHEDULE

May 10
Wednesday

Adult Fellowship

May 19
Friday

Youth Fellowship

**7:00 PM at the UCF Sanctuary (onsite)
and via Google Meet (online)**

Purihin ang Diyos Ama sa paglalaan ng oportunidad na Siya ay tunay na maranasan ng mga naghahanap sa Kaniya! Nawa ang mga karanasang ito ay maging lakas at inspirasyon ng lahat upang magpagamit at maglingkod na may katapatan sa Panginoon.

Jeremiah 17:14
(NKJV)

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You are my praise.



Mama

Ikaw ang isa sa pinakamagandang likha
Isang regalo mula sa Diyos Ama
Kami'y pinagpala sapagkat sa ami'y ika'y itinakda
Isang babaeng malakas at may dignidad
(Mga Kawikaan 31:25)

Inay

Ikaw ay ina sa gitna ng kasiyahan at kalungkutan
Kami'y patuloy mong ginabayan anuman ang dumaan
Ang iyong mga salita'y puspos ng karunungan
Turo mo ay pawang katapatan
(Mga Kawikaan 31:26)

Nanay

Sa iyong pagmamahal, kami'y iyong inaruga
(1 Corinto 16:14)
Higit pa sa mamahaling alahas ang iyong halaga
(Mga Kawikaan 31:10)
Kami'y habambuhay magpapasalamat sa Kaniya
Dahil sa regalong buhay ng isang ina

*Salamat, Panginoon, sa buhay
ng mga ina sa UCF!*

The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness;
You will sustain him on his sickbed.

Psalm 41:3
(NKJV)



Noong Sabado ay sinimulan nang hukayin ang lupa na pagtatayuan ng panambahan sa Mt. Tabor.

MINISTRY UPDATE

PAGPAPAGAL SA MINISTERYO

Masisilayan ang dedikasyon ng mga anak ng Diyos sa ministeryong Kaniyang itinatag—ang Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. Sa ilang taong pagsasaayos at pagpapaganda ng lugar ay tunay na makikita ang pagkilos ng Panginoon na gumagabay sa Kaniyang lingkod na si Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy na palawakin ang pangakong pagpapala.

Sa nakaraang linggo ay iba't ibang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor ang muling isinaayos upang masiguro ang kaligtasan at kaayusan sa paggamit dito. Ang kalalakihan at mga boluntaryo ay buong sikap sa kanilang paggawa nang may pag-iingat sa patnubay ni Rev. Dr. Sy. Higit pa rito ay patuloy din ang preparasyon sa lupain ng Mt. Tabor kung saan itatayo ang gusali ng panambahan.

Purihin ang Diyos sa Kaniyang paggabay sa bawat isang nagnanais na magpagamit sa Kaniyang ministeryo na oportunidad upang ang buhay nila ay magamit sa kaluwalhatian ng Diyos!



Masaya at buong lakas na naghukay ng mga lupa ang kalalakihan sa Mt. Tabor.

KONSTRUKSIYON NG PANAMBAHAN



Ang malawak na lupain sa tabling court ay sinimulan ng hukayin upang matayuan ng poste para sa gagawing panambahan sa Mt. Tabor.



Ang daan patungo sa ibabang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor ay nilagyan ng mga bato at sinimentuhan na upang ito ay maging matibay at pantay.

Proverbs 16:24
(NKJV)

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.



PERSISTENCE IN LEARNING HIS WORD

Christian life does not stop at accepting Jesus Christ but is followed by offering our lives as living sacrifice for the expansion of God's ministry. And so, it is important for His children to grow deeper in His Word and gain better understanding of the Scriptures.

UCF Theological Seminary (UCFTS) was established with God's instruction to train members into spiritual maturity. This aims to equip workers who are ready to be used for the fulfillment of the vision that God has bestowed to the church He has called. After its semestral break, UCFTS officially started a new semester last April 29, Saturday. And to begin the lectures led by the professors, the students eagerly attended their classes through Google Meet sessions and pre-recorded video lessons. They also raised questions and clarifications on topics that needed further explanation.

The children of God, inspired with the desire to be mightily used by the Lord, continue to prepare their minds and hearts for the greater plans of God. Praise God for the lives of His children who are willing to be trained for the greater works of His ministry!

ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE



During the opening of classes, UCFTS Administrator Rev. Morrell Estrellado facilitated the online learning experience to guide the students on how they can access their classes via Facebook groups and Google Meet sessions.

GOOGLE MEET SESSIONS AND VIDEO LESSONS

2. The Fertile Crescent

I. The Fertile Crescent

B. Historical Development

3. The Sumerian City-State (City-State of Ur)

❖ Ur was a center for commerce and trade. Ships from the Persian Gulf brought to Ur diorite and alabaster stone, gold, copper ore, ivory, and hardwoods.

5. BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Nature:

research in a particular research center of a university. He goes to explain the scope of the research and how an aspect of such an ongoing research was fortunately not included. The fortunate exclu-

Professors Rev. Ricardo Jacob and Rev. Dr. James Sy share their expertise on their respective subjects.

Trisha Mae Magdaraog Dimaranan
Watching po.

Ivy Cabus Jasareno
Present po

Noriel Victoria Nahine Tolentino
Watching po

Aira Nahine Tolentino
Watching po

Jezreel Murillo
Watching po

Angel N. Tolentino
present po ptr

The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

**Psalms 34:18
(NKJV)**



PAGPAPABUTI NG ANGKING TALENTO

Patuloy ang pagtanggap ng UCF Music Clinic ng mga estudyanteng nagnanais matuto ng iba't ibang instrumento. Nagiging daan din ito upang sila rin ay makapagpuri sa ating Panginoon.

Linggo-linggo ay nagdaraos ng klase ang music clinic para sa mga nais matutong tumugtog ng gitara, keyboard at drums. Ilan sa mga manggagawa ang nagboboluntaryo at naglalaan ng kanilang oras na turuan ang iba pang kabataan upang mapahusay ang kanilang talentong nagmula sa Diyos. Magandang oportunidad din ito upang kanilang maibahagi ang kabutihan ng Diyos sa kanilang buhay at kung paanong ang kanilang talento ay makapagbibigay papuri at pagsamba sa Panginoon.

Para sa mga interesadong matuto, mayroong "Summer Promo" na handog ang UCF Music Clinic. Makipag-ugnayan lamang sa pamamagitan ng kanilang Facebook page. Sa Panginoon ang lahat ng kapurihan para sa pagbubukas ng oportunidad upang magamit sa Kaniyang ministeryo!



KATUPARAN NG PANGAKO NG PANGINOON

"Pinanghawakan naming mag-asawa ang Salita ng Diyos mula sa Exodus 23:25-26. Pinatunayan ng ating Diyos na walang imposible sa Kaniya."



BRO. NOE AMANCIO
COVENANT WORKER

Ang Panginoon ay tapat sa sinomang nananampalataya sa Kaniya at nais paglingkuran Siya. Tulad ng Kaniyang pangakong kagalingan, ito ay masayang naranasan ng isa sa ating mga kapatid na naniniwala at naninindigan sa kaniyang pananampalataya sa ating Panginoon.

Tunay na patuloy ang pagkilos ng Diyos sa mga panahong tayo ay dumadaan sa mga madidilim na sitwasyon sa buhay kaya tayo ay manatiling tapat na sumusumunod sa Kaniya.

"Noong kinasal kami ni Aileen noong November 2019, alam na namin na may problema siya sa kaniyang reproductive system dahil sa kaniyang irregular na buwanang dalaw. Ang sabi ng doktor sa amin ay maaaring hindi kami magkaroon ng anak o mahihirapan kami magkaroon ng anak. Ngunit hindi namin masyadong pinaniwalaan ang doktor dahil alam namin na ang Lord ang makapangyarihang Diyos. Isang gabi noong December 2019 sa Mt. Tabor, nakausap namin si Ptr. William tungkol sa sitwasyon namin at tinanong niya ako at si Aileen kung gusto ba ni Aileen na ipanalangin siya ni pastor. Ang sagot namin, 'Opo, pastor.' Ipinaliwanag din niya ang tungkol sa Exodus 23:25-26, ²⁵You shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. ²⁶None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.' Habang ipinapanalangin kami ni pastor, ramdam na ramdam namin ang presence ng Lord. Pinanghawakan naming mag-asawa ang Salita ng Diyos mula sa Exodus 23:25-26. Pinatunayan ng ating Diyos na walang imposible sa Kaniya. At noong November 2020 ay ipinanganak na si Ayah After that, I told myself that I and my wife will serve the Lord. To God be the glory!

Malachi 4:2
(NKJV)

But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

Sunday Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

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An abundant life is one of the plans of God in our life.

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Ang Lord ay sinusunod at hindi sinusuway.

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Mayroon tayong Diyos na hindi lamang nagpo-provide kung hindi ay nagpapagaling din.

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The reason why we cannot follow is because we cannot make a decision. We are confused. We don't know the voice that we will follow.

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Hindi napuputol ang provision ng Lord sa atin dahil hindi rin napuputol ang pagtitiwala natin sa Diyos.

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Rev. Dr. William G. Sy

Sunday Worship Service
April 30, 2023

UPCOMING 2023 PROGRAMS



PASTORS' APPRECIATION DAY

Coordinator:

Sis. Nerissa Estrellado

OCT 6



MEDICAL MISSION

Coordinator:

Sis. Karen Mohammad

SEP



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Coordinator:

Sis. Liezle Ala

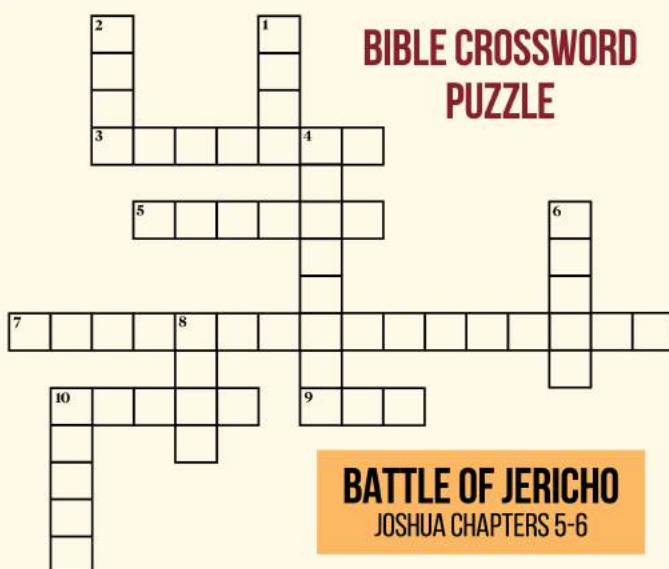
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With the vision to provide the basic needs of God's people, **UCF Multi-purpose Cooperative** was established in 2015. This ministry paved way for the covenant members of the church to avail goods at lower prices and to enjoy God's blessings as they choose to follow and serve Him!



Complete the crossword puzzle by answering the questions below. You can also open your Bible to help you find the answers. The first one to answer correctly will get a free copy of VOV next issue. Present your VOV copy to Sis. Aira Tolentino.



BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

BATTLE OF JERICHO JOSHUA CHAPTERS 5-6

Across

- Who are the spiritual leaders that carry the Ark of the Covenant?
- Who is the successor of Moses who led the people of Israel in the attack on the ancient walled city?
- What is the wooden chest that contains the stone tablets of the covenant?
- How many days did the Israelites march around Jericho?
- How many times did the Israelites march around Jericho on the last day?

Down

- What specific infrastructure fell down during the attack of the Israelites at Jericho?
- Where did the Israelites stay temporarily during their battle at Jericho?
- What musical instrument did the priests blow at the last day of their march?
- Who was spared from the Battle of Jericho because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho?
- What was used to destroy the city of Jericho for the last time?
- What did the Israelites do after they heard the sound of the trumpet?

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4
(NKJV)

Believer's...

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¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 15:16a

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

One of the most common error is the idea that lost people can choose God by their own free will.

John 6:44a

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him.

Salvation depends on God calling/choosing us and irresistibly drawing us by His grace according to His good pleasure. God not only wills our salvation; He works it. Salvation is not through any human effort. It comes from the mighty power of God imparting spiritual life to those who were dead in their sins.

Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

We cannot continuously live without Jesus.

John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without

Me you can do nothing."

C. Salvation requires diligent effort on our part.

Acts 2:40-42

⁴⁰And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴²And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Matthew 12:13

Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

John 5:8-9

⁸Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ⁹And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

Jesus told those men to do something they could not do in their own strength. Jesus imparted to them faith, but they still needed to do it. If they said, "I can't do it," they would not have been healed. God worked, but they had to work, too.

2 Peter 1:10-11

¹⁰Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Luke 13:24

"Strive to enter through the narrow

gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able."

If you are uncertain about your standing before God, do not give rest to your soul until you know that God has saved you. Remember, God is our refuge. Enter into His refuge.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

1 Corinthians 9:24

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness

in the fear of God.

God is at work, but we must also be at work (work out your salvation).

Conclusion

To whose pleasure do you do your good works?

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

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Sundays at 9:00AM

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Thursdays at 7:00PM

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May 2 | 7:00PM
- ADULT
May 10 | 7:00PM
- YOUTH
May 19 | 7:00PM

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