

Working Out the Kinks  
Philippians 2:12-30

Christianity is a "co"- operation - Phil 2:12-13

- We will not work it out without His energizing power - Phil 2:13
- He will not force/coerce us to work out what He has worked in - Phil 2:12

God Is the Agent of Stimulation and Supply

- We call that grace

We Are the Agents of Cooperation and Trust

- We call that faith

(Salvation is always by Grace through faith!) - Eph 2:8-10

WORKING OUT THE "KINKS":

1) Seeking Reward, Not God - Phil 2:12-13

- seeking credit/merit: legalism - Phil 3:8-10
- seeking pleasure/comfort: license - Phil 2:3-4
- the solution: humility

2) Habitual Grumbling, Complaining - Phil 2:14

- ego spasms: "King me"
- seeds of rebellion: deadly - 1 Cor 10:10
- the solution: worship - Phil 4:4; Eph 5:20

3) Self-Interested Relations - Phil 2:21

- God's pleasure: give Himself away - Phil 2:6-7
- The solution: Practice the presence of people - Phil 2:20
  - ...look with love, not for it
  - ...make it your objective to love, not get results
  - ...invest in a community of shared life