

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

2Cor 6:1; 1Cor 3:5-11

INTRODUCTION:

- A. My reason for being here is to work with you in spreading the Gospel of Christ.
- B. There is work involved in salvation Jas 2:14-16; Phil 2:12
 - 1. Work out salvation with fear and trembling
 - 2. Faith and works - must have both together
- C. Must follow Israelites' example: have a mind to work Neh 4:6
 - 1. Israel built the wall of Jerusalem
 - 2. Were distracted and had many conflicts
 - 3. They finished because they had a mind to work

DISCUSSION:

I. WE ARE COMMANDED TO WORK

- A. We must work God's work now Jhn 9:4 (it is urgent)
Work while it is day - night comes when can't work
- B. Follow Solomon's advice: Work hard - with all our might Eccl 9:10; Whatever needs doing - do it
- C. Work with all our ability Matt 25:14-30 - use ability we have taking advantage of all opportunities - work whether we have 1, 2, 5 talents

II. WORK WITH GOD NOT AGAINST HIM 2Cor 6:1

- A. Paul said we are workers together with him
 - 1. That we receive not the grace of God in vain
 - 2. Indicates if we are not workers with Him, then we have received the grace of God in vain
- B. There is no neutrality Matt 12:30
 - 1. Not with me - against me
 - 2. Gathereth not with me - scattereth abroad
- C. Teaching men's doctrines is vain Matt 15:9
- D. Human plants will be rooted up Matt 15:13,14
- E. Paul was once a worker against God Acts 26:9; 1Tim 1:13
 - 1. Blasphemer, persecutor, injurious
 - 2. Obtained mercy because of ignorance in unbelief

III. WORK TOGETHER WITH EACH OTHER 1Cor 3:6-11

- A. Paul planted Apollos watered, God gave the increase
- B. Work involves: edifying the saints, relieving needy saints, teaching the lost Eph 4:12 (not "patting ourselves on the back" just a review of what we do)
 - 1. Efforts to edify & build up members. Regular times of worship, weekly bulletin; Bible study classes Sunday morn. & Wed eve; Preaching Sunday morn, & eve & Gospel meetings; men presenting lessons when needed and give invitation Wed evening.

- 2. Saints taken care of as need arises
- 3. Efforts to teach the lost: Gospel meetings (two a year except 20 and spring of 21); Teaching bulletin inserted in newspaper four times a year; TV program for two years; ad in newspaper for Bible correspondence course and various ones involved in home Bible studies; supporting preachers in various places
- C. Joined together in the same mind 1Cor 1:10 All are willing to do what they can in all areas of work here
- D. We are of one accord Phil 2:2
- E. No division - divided group cannot stand Matt 12:25
- F. But we can't stop or even slow down, we must continue to do more and more as we have opportunity and ability. 1Cor 15:58 (abounding, overflowing in Lord's work)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Be steadfast, unmovable 1Cor 15:58
- B. Let every man prove his own work Gal 6:4
- C. Reap just what we sow not what others sow Gal 6:7
- D. We get out of something no more than we put in