Sanctification = “a long obedience in the same direction” (Eugene Peterson).

Philippians 2:12-18

What does the Christian’s sanctification look like?

1. Our Work (v. 12)

The 3 dimension of our salvation:
Past = Justification (Our reconciliation and standing with God through Christ)
Present = Sanctification (Our lifelong obedience & conformity to Christ)
Future = Glorification (Our total & complete transformation in Christlikeness)

Ephesians 2:8-10

Christians are called to work out (sanctification) what God has worked in (justification).

“work out” = katergazomai (to accomplish entirely or thoroughly)

James 4:6b

2. God’s Work (v. 13)

“works” = energeo (to be at work; active and efficient effort)

Ephesians 1:15-20 (Resurrection power- the same power that’s at work in you!)

God’s work in our lives is two-fold:
1) God works in our will = He moves our desires to become aligned with his.
2) God works in our actions = He empowers us for godly living.

Philippians 1:6

3. The Outwork (v. 14-18)

The Christian who is growing in Christlikeness will be a person who:

1) Speaks life

Why is grumbling and disputing such big deal?
- It disrupts our unity
- It discredits our testimony
- It denies God’s sovereignty
2) Shines forth

3) Spreads the word

“holding fast” = *epecho* (to hold firmly; to hold forth)

4) Sacrifices with joy

James 4:8a