

How to Keep From Being an Undercover Christian

Philippians 2:12-16
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- *“And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.” John 19:38*
- At one time, Joseph was an undercover disciple of Christ.
- Today there are many undercover Christians.
- God’s desire is that the _____ of Christ in our hearts would shine **through us**. It must be worked out, lived out, and evidenced in our _____ lives.
- How can we keep from being an undercover Christian and live out that salvation we have been given in Christ? Let me give you three key words from our text.

_____ - vs. 12

- The tendency would be for them to _____ God when Paul was around, but then let things slip when Paul was gone.
- *“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.”*
1 Thessalonians 1:3

_____ - vs. 13

- If you are saved, God is at work **in you**.
- The purpose is so that God can do through you **His** _____ pleasure (delight, satisfaction).
- The key is to yield ourselves to God. As we do this, God _____ **in us**, and then **through us**.

_____ - vs. 14-15

- We must look at the wickedness of the world as a great opportunity to _____ for Jesus.
- Here is God's plan: _____ out who God has made you in Christ. Live out your _____.
- *“Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:12-13*

Refuse to become an undercover Christian and boldly live out the _____ you have been given in Christ.