



Shine Like Stars in a Dark Generation

Philippians 2:14-18

Read Philippians 2:14-18 together:

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

3 Essentials for Working Out Your Salvation in a Broken World

1. Work out your salvation by watching your words.

- ? Read Matthew 12:34. What is meant by the statement, “*out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks*”? What can you understand about a person by the speech they choose to use?
- ? What is the difference between grumbling and disputing? How does each one harm our Christian witness?
- ? According to the context of this verse, is there ever a place for disputing? Why or why not?

2. Work out your salvation by watching your walk.

- ? What does it mean to walk “*without blemish*”? Is this even possible to do so without sin? Why or why not?
- ? What is meant by the statement, “*We are made in the image of God*”? How should this affect how we walk?
- ? Read 1 Peter 2:9. How does this text relate to the one in Philippians? How should knowing that we are “*a royal priesthood*” change how we walk?

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

3. Work out your salvation by holding fast to the Word of life.

- ? What is wrong with the statement, “*Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.*” Is there any truth to that statement? Why or why not?
- ? What is the Word of life? What does it mean to hold fast to the Word of life? How does one accomplish this admonishment?

- ? How can one share the gospel by holding fast to the Word of life?
- ? What verses should you include when sharing the Good News, and how would you go about doing it?