

# Light in the Dark

## Philippians 2:14-18

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*"Do all things without grumbling or disputing; <sup>15</sup> so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. <sup>18</sup> You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me."*

*Philippians 2:14-18 NASB*

### Grumbling and disputing:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ allowed in church
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of God
3. Brings \_\_\_\_\_

*"Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer."*

*Corinthians 10:10 NASB*

### **Results:**

### **Our Purpose:**

<sup>14</sup> *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;*

<sup>15</sup> *nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the*

*lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 NASB*  
*"for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light" Ephesians 5:8 NASB*

### **The Only Hope for the World:**

*Holding forth the Word of life.*

<sup>19</sup> *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:19-20 NASB*

<sup>15</sup> *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

*Mark 16:15 NASB*

<sup>8</sup> *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8 NASB*

### **Sacrifice & Labor:**

Believers are to work out their salvation by following the example of sacrificial labor. Very simply stated, Paul had offered himself as a sacrifice to serve men. The picture is that of the sacrifice and offerings made by people to the heathen gods. Paul had taken his body and offered it as a sacrifice and service for people. He lived for nothing else except to hold forth the Word of life to people. His body was totally sacrificed for that purpose and that purpose alone.

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

*Romans 12:1-2 NASB*

<sup>20</sup> *For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God  
in your body.*

1 Corinthians 6:20 NASB