

# Pure Joy: Living with Joy in a Depraved World

## 1. The Church in a Depraved World

A. The Church is meant to be a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Darkness: **Phil2:15; 1Cor5:9,10; Matt5:14-16**

1. Jesus: those who sit in darkness would see a great light (**John1:5; 3:19-21**)

2. The church has always been meant to be in the midst of darkness to shine the Light!

B. Consider America...\$\$\$154billion/year industry in child trafficking; 2million a year, US is biggest consumer; yet some in Gov't; Hollywood, Disney, other big tech have attacked it!

1. **Romans1:18-20, 24; 26; 28, 29-32**

2. **America is under divine wrath**; true insanity is considered good and wonderful; like a boy saying he is a girl and competing with girls in sports; or a person saying they are an animal and believing it! **Or** drag queens reading books to elementary kids in a library!

C. What do we do? How do we live? **\*1Cor5:9,10; Phil.2:15!!! – Be \_\_\_\_\_!!!**

**\*How do we do that? \_\_\_\_\_**

## 2. God's Workout Plan for Joy (work-out your salvation)

A. You need your \_\_\_\_\_ drink and protein shake!

1. "So then"...vs.12 takes us back to vs.6-11 – THE Example for our lives as Christians

2. Jesus is THE example for humility and unity, AND, for living above reproach in a depraved generation! **\*\*\*What He has done for us, is our motivation and energy for living!**

3. Workout your salvation with fear (phobia) and trembling (trauma) – the magnitude of what Christ has done to save you, should cause you "shake" in awe of His love! **\*Heb12:28,29; Is66:1,2**

B. God's Workout Plan for \_\_\_\_\_ in a Depraved World

1. You have to work-out! **\*Work out**; Gk. carries command w/ continuing emphasis; so, you are continually working out what is already there to bring it to maturity, fulfillment – your salvation!

**\*This is your sanctification! Phil1:6; 2:13; then 1Cor15:10; Eph2:8-10**

**\*It is NOT "let go and let God!" \*\*Just try that with a work-out plan...**

2. Stop Complaining it makes God angry! Vs.14

**\*More indulged = more discontent; consider the entitled mentality of today...**

**\*Exodus16:8; Numb13:30-14:5, 36,37; Jude16; 1Cor10:6-11 – God hates complaining!**

**\*What is the "all" in Phil2:14? \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*How does God sanctify us? \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Lamentations3:39 – Look at what we have been given!!! = Phil2:6-8!!!**

**\*\*\*What is the result? vs.15,16; Ja3:2 – we live lives above \_\_\_\_\_**

3. Sacrifice for the Church – your brothers and sisters in Christ (vs.17-18)

**\*drink offering was poured over burning animal on altar – this is our lives for one another!**

4. Look at the examples God has given us and imitate their faith! (vs.19-30)

**\*Timothy – Phil2:20-21 \*Epaphroditus – Phil2:25,29-30**

**\*BEWARE: American Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity – I want it my way, NOW!**