

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Spring 2022
February 16th, 2022
Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Schedule (Tentative)

Week 06 (02/16): Philippians 2:12-18 (Shining as Lights)
Week 07 (02/23): Philippians 2:19-30 (Timothy and Epaphroditus)
***03/02 No Bible Study (Ash Wednesday Service TBD)
Week 08 (03/09): Philippians 3:1-11 (Confidence in the flesh)
Week 09 (03/16): Philippians 3:12-21 (Pressing toward the goal)
Week 10 (03/23): Philippians 4:1-9 (The God of peace)
Week 11 (03/30): Philippians 4:10-20 (Exhortation)
Week 12 (04/05): Philippians 4:21-23 (Wrap-up)

Week 06 (02/16): Shining as Lights

Prayer for Illumination – Read Together

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as your scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

Philippians 2:12-18 – Exposition and Notes

For next week: ***Philippians 2:12-18***

Extra Notes:

V12 – “Therefore my beloved ... absence” (integrity)

V12b-13: “... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (1 Corinthians 2:3; 2 Corinthians 7:15; Ephesians 6:5; Karl Barth quote; Prevenient grace) (humility)

V14-15: “Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.” (Matthew 5:14; Revelation 21:2; Pew Research, 2015; 519 Purpose Statement; Luke 5:20;) (unity)

How do we as Christian disciples (as individuals and collectively as a church) live in such a way as to model unity (“doing all things without murmuring and arguing”), so that we might stand out, shining like stars in the world?

V17: Drink offering – poured out
(Genesis 35:14; Numbers 28:6-8) (humility)

Discussion Questions:

How do we as Christian disciples (as individuals and collectively as a church) live in such a way as to model unity (“doing all things without murmuring and arguing”), so that we might stand out, shining like stars in the world?

“The reason we should be Christians in fear and trembling and not otherwise is that, as such, we put ourselves entirely into the power of God; that as such we recognize that all grace, that everything – the willing and the accomplishing, the beginning and the end, the faith and the revelation, the questions and the answers, the seeking and the finding – comes from God and is reality only in God. Everything here that really happens at all has God as its Subject.”

- Karl Barth (p74)

Dislike organized religion

- “I see organized religious groups as more divisive than uniting.”
- “I think that more harm has been done in the name of religion than any other area.”

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