

PHILIPPIANS



JOY IN
CHRIST

Sermon Notes

Shine Brightly For Christ

Philippians 2:14-18

1. Paul reminds the church at Philippi that they are children of God by faith, by adoption and by spiritual birth. As Children of God, we must be imitators of God. Are you a Child of God? Does your life imitate God?
John 1:12, Galatians 4:5, 1 Peter 1:23, Ephesians 5:1
2. Paul says that complaining and arguing cover the spectrum of mumbling under your breath to verbally passing judgment on other people's opinions as inferior or unimportant. God's Word reminds us that this is a great sin against God that shows a lack of trust in God. In light of that, what is your response when you don't get what you "deserve"? Where in your life do you see smoldering discontent? How do you respond to those you disagree with? What does that reveal about your satisfaction in God?
1 Corinthians 10:10, Exodus 16:8, James 5:9, Psalm 78:40-41, Romans 14:1, Exodus 15:1-18, Exodus 16:7-9, Numbers 17:5,10
3. In verse 14 and 15 Paul says do not complain and argue for the reason that are lives should be a contrast to the crooked and perverted world in the midst of us. He reminds the Philippians that they are bright lights in a world of darkness. What kind of light do you shine in a dark world? Do you shine brightly for Christ? How well do you reflect blamelessness, without blemish?
Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 5:8, John 14:5, 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 2:17-20, Luke 1:6, Ephesians 1:4

4. Paul encourages them to look forward to the joy that lies ahead to sustain them and to be incentive for faithful service today? Where is your perspective focused? What distractions are blocking your view of Christ?

Hebrews 12:1-4, Colossians 3:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10-12

5. In verse 17 Paul says, “I pour out my life like a liquid offering”. This is fitting image of a life in total surrender to God. To pour out means there is nothing left to give. As you look at your life, what do you still have left to surrender?

Psalms 63

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¹⁴Do everything without complaining and arguing, ¹⁵so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. ¹⁶Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. ¹⁷But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. ¹⁸Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.