

The Attitude of Light

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12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; 15 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,



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16 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.

17 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. 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

Attitude of Blamelessness

- Obedience to Christ and his working in us
- Willingness to see God's work through to the end
- Putting aside our murmurings and discentions
- Attitude secret to contentment and joy
- Sets apart and proves us Blameless

Shine As Light

- Anyone can respond in human nature
- Joy in all situations comes from a Christ-like attitude
- This sets us apart as light in darkness
- Agents of revelation
- Perhaps despised, but serving its purpose

Attitude of Perseverance

- Paul commands to hold fast to the Word of Life
- Not words of life, doctrine, teaching, sermons
- Hold onto Christ
 - The love that he has shown you
 - The service he has enacted for you
 - The ways he is trying to stretch and grow us

Attitude of Sacrifice

- Poured out like a drink offering
- Paul's example is being accomplished
- Paul's purpose is being fulfilled
- God is, and will, receive the glory
- Again Paul entreats the Philippians to rejoice in joy

For us Today

- Christ is looking for hearts willing to live repentance
- Christ is looking to work in those imperfect hearts
- Christ is working to transform us into light as He is
- Christ is waiting to see if we will cling to Him
- Christ is hoping to see us lay down our plans...
- Attitude is the key!