

The Attitudes of Light

Philippians 2:12-18

Christ's Astounding Example

- Author and Ruler of all of impossibly vast creation
- The center of the universe's praise and adoration
- Laid aside all that was his by right
- Subjected himself willingly to laughable authority
- Subjected himself willingly to death on a cross
- All of this in service to his broken creation: mankind



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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 Obedience

- Paul has just given examples of Christ's obedience
- Paul now commends their obedience in his presence
- Difference between obedience to present and absent
- Not obedience to Paul but rather obedience to Christ
- Command to work out (to completion) our salvation

Attitude of Fear & Trembling

- Not the slavish fear of failure to service
- Nor flippant fear that we could lose God's love
- The nervous fear of a pupil before a beloved master
- Author & Master of salvation working IN us
- We working our salvation to completion along side

Attitude of Blamelessness

- Do all without grumbling, grudging, murmuring (ex)
- Do all without disputing
- Attitude is the secret to contentment and joy!
- These things in check make us blameless
- In God's sight and that of the world that needs light