

## Radiating Purity in an Impure World

Philippians 2:12-18, 3:2

**Work out** your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. **Do all things** without grumbling or disputing...in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Having appealed to the Philippians for their generosity, unity and humility, Paul now pleads for their PURITY as they work out salvation in a dark world.

### 1. WORK OUT YOUR(plural)SALVATION every day, Phil. 2:12-13

Exercise the Salvation God works in and among you:

- With obedience to Paul, present or absent from him
- With fear and trembling, a passion to please
- With the energy of God motivating your will and your actions
- With “the good pleasure” in view

### 2. LIVE OUT YOUR SALVATION in a morally corrupt environment, 2:14-15

The environment

- Complaining and arguing, verse 14
- Crooked and Twisted generation, verse 15, (Deuteronomy 32:5)
- The ‘conscience’, 3:2

The Children of God, 2:15

- Blameless ( before the world)
- Harmless (innocent within yourselves)
- Spotless( in the eyes of God)

3. HOLD OUT YOUR SALVATION (the word of life) looking forward to the Day of Christ, 2:16-18

- Pride in the Prize on the day of Christ
- Poured out as a sacrifice
- Party both then and now! REJOICE WITH ME!

### So what?

As we live toward Thanksgiving this year, what complaining can you identify and are you willing to give up?

As we live toward Thanksgiving this year, what arguments are you willing to give up?

How can you see God at work motivating you to **want to do** his pleasure?

How is God helping you to DO all things without complaining or arguing?

What can you see in your world that could be called “crooked” or “twisted”?