

Shine like Stars
Philippians 2:12-18
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Preparation: Salvation – Three Aspects

- Justification – A once-for-all act of being declared righteous by God.
- Sanctification – A continuing process of growing in holiness.
- Glorification – The future consummation when we are united with Christ

12-13 Call to Obedience

- Keep on keeping on! 12
 - No matter what! – present or absent!
 - “Work out” = To carry out a task until it is finished. (See Matt. 3:8)
- Work out your salvation & God who works in you – (See 1 Cor 15:10)
- God energized! – (See Gal 5:6; James 2:17)

14-16 Call to Shine

- No complaining or arguing (grumbling) – (See Exodus 16:7) 14
- You are not like everyone else! 15
 - Shine like stars – (See Matthew 5:14-16)
 - “in” = middle, midst – (See John 17:15-16, 18)
 - Crooked and depraved generation (See Deut. 32:5; Psalm 78:8)
- Hold out the word of life 16
 - We shine so others can see Jesus!

17-18 Call to Joy!

- Poured out like a drink offering – sacrificial system 17
 - See Numbers 15:1-10; 2 Timothy 4:6
- Mutual joy! 18
 - Even if... (No matter what!)
 - Rejoice! (joy and joy with)

Keys:

- We are to follow the example of Jesus and be obedient.
- When we are obedient, the world takes notice.

Application: Shine!