

**HOW ARE WE TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?
SHINING RIGHTEOUSLY IN A DARK WORLD: Part 1
Philippians 2:14-15**

- I. **DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT GRUMBLING AND ARGUING, SO THAT YOU WILL SHINE RIGHTEOUSLY IN THIS DARK TEMPORAL WORLD (14-15)**
 - A. **THE COMMAND: Keep on doing all things without grumbling or arguing (14)**
 - 1. The Command explained (14)
 - 2. Old and New Testament examples to be instructed by
 - 3. Practical examples
 - B. **THE TEMPORAL PURPOSE for our obedience: That we might become blameless and innocent, as children of God above reproach, because we shine as lights in the dark world we live in (15)**
 - 1. Becoming blameless and pure (15a)
 - 2. Being obedient children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (15)
 - 3. Because we currently shine as luminaries among them (in the world) (15b)

Next week

- II. **DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT GRUMBLING AND ARGUING, HOLDING FAST HIS WORD, SO THAT GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED IN ETERNITY (16)**
 - A. **HOW?** Continually holding fast/ forth the Word of Life (16a)
 - B. **DO SO RECOGNIZING** our actions have eternal consequences: So that in the day of Christ the labor in the Word done unto us in this life will not be in vain but unto His glory (16b)
- III. **PAUL'S EXAMPLE AND EXHORTATION: Joy instead of grumbling (17-18)**
 - A. Paul understood the reason for his suffering and possible death, thus he rejoiced instead of grumbling (17)
 - B. The Philippians are encouraged likewise (18)