



## WHATEVER HAPPENS! "Keep Shining" Philippians 2: 12-18

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Paul bluntly expressed his opinion of the world in which he and the Philippians were living when he called it "a crooked and depraved generation." But he believed that they were placed in the situation so that they could shine brightly in it! Points of light!

### I. Keep Shining as You Work Out Your Salvation! vv. 12-15

- A. The reality of their salvation.
  - 1. Based on the grace of God manifested in the death of Christ.
  - 2. Presented through the preaching of the gospel of Christ.
  - 3. Embraced through faith in the finished work of Christ.
    - a. Salvation: forgiveness of what they had done.
    - b. Salvation: deliverance from where they were going.
    - c. Salvation: transformation of what they were.
      - i. Individually.
      - ii. Corporately.
- B. The responsibility of their salvation.
  - 1. They were called now to a life of obedience to Christ's Lordship.
  - 2. Obedience was to become habitual: a continual working out.
  - 3. Obedience was to be demonstrated by reverent and concerned living.
  - 4. Obedience was not a matter of servility, but of love... "adelphoi." v. 12
- C. The resources of their salvation.
  - 1. They could "work out" because God was at "work in."
  - 2. The work of God "in" produces desire and dynamic.
  - 3. "Trust and obey": trust Him to work in; obey as you work out.
- D. The results of their salvation.
  - 1. Transformed relationships: "without complaining and arguing."
  - 2. Consistent reputations: "children of God without fault."
  - 3. Powerful resources: "like stars in the universe."

### II. Keep Shining as You Hold Out the Word of Life. vv. 16-18

- A. The word of life that tells about life that is really life.
- B. The word of life that imparts life when mixed with faith and obedience.
- C. The word of life that we must "hold on" to with determination.
- D. The word of life that we must "hold out" with confidence and joy.
- E. The word of life that we must embrace even to the point of being "poured out."

**Point to Ponder:** How brightly is "this little light of mine" shining where most needed?