



Whine or Shine?

Philippians 2:12-18

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Review

In observing the Lord's Supper, we are to remember....
That He died • Why He died • How He died.

Message Section

Our Witness:

Theme: We advance the cause of the gospel in this fallen world when we keep an attitude of thankful submission to God in the midst hard times.

Philippians 2:12–13, NASB - ¹² So then [in light of what Christ has done for us], my beloved [plural], just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out [lit., bear fruit; 'work out' the ore from a mine in such a way that you get the most out; 'work out' a field to gain the maximum harvest from it] your [reflexive plural pronoun, lit., "work out your salvation among yourselves"] salvation with fear [lit., 'caution' because of situational awareness] and trembling ["shaking" due to deep sense of awe]; ¹³ for it is God who is at work [Gk: *energéon*, meaning, "it's God who provides the power to do this"] in you, both to will [God's is directing His power] and to work [Gk: *energéo* (plural), lit, (God) causes the power in us to make us effective together] for His good pleasure.

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1. What we are commanded to do.

Philippians 2:14, NASB - ¹⁴ Do all [all begins the Gk. sentence] things without grumbling [lit., to grumble, mutter or mumber privately] or disputing [Gk: *dialogismōs*, to argue publicly about a matter]....

Philippians 2:14, NLT - ¹⁴ Do everything without complaining and arguing....

2. Why we are commanded to do it.

Philippians 2:15, NASB - ¹⁵ so that you will prove [the second middle aorist in Gk., lit., "that you become"] yourselves to be blameless and innocent [lit., unadulterated], children of God above reproach [lit., without blemish] in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation....

Philippians 2:15, NLT - ¹⁵ so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

3. What we are to concentrate on at the same time.

Philippians 2:15–16, NASB - 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 [Thought: Don't forget the darkness where you came from] in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast [lit., holding forth] the word of life....

Philippians 2:15–16, NLT - ¹⁵ so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights ["we" are not the source of the light] in a world full of crooked and perverse people. ¹⁶ Hold firmly to the word of life...

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4. What the conclusion of all of this will be.

Philippians 2:16–18, LB - ¹⁶ holding out to them the Word of Life. Then when Christ returns, how glad I will be that my work among you was so worthwhile. ¹⁷ And if my lifeblood is, so to speak, to be poured out over your faith, which I am offering up to God as a sacrifice—that is, if I am to die for you—even then I will be thankfully glad and will share my joy with each of you. ¹⁸ For you should be happy about this, too, and rejoice with me for having this privilege of dying for you.