

13 Philippians 2:14-18

Rejoicing in the Day of Christ

1. Phil 2:14-15 – Blameless and Harmless

- a. Why do they need to work out their own salvation? There is coming a day...
 - i. A day that holds us accountable – Rom 14:11-12, Phil 2:10-12
 - ii. As servants of God, it is God’s will, and God’s pleasure for which we live
 - iii. All of the problems below come from our selfwill not God’s will.
- b. “*murmurings and disputings*” – complaining, gossip, rumors, arguments, worry
 - i. Murmuring is disbelief and rebellion – Ps 106:24-25, Isa 29:24, Jud 16
 - ii. Israel died bc of murmuring doubts – Num 13-14:1-3, 22-23, 27-37, 1Co 10:10
 - iii. There is no disputation against God or godliness – 1 Tim 3:16, 6:1-6
- c. “*blameless and harmless*” – concerns your behavior - Phil 3:6-8
 - i. Bishops, deacons, widows must be blameless - 1Ti 3:2, 3:10, 5:5-7; Titus 1:6-7
- d. “*crooked and perverse nation*” – to turn from the truth, to corrupt – Gal 1:7, Acts 20:30
 - i. Notice the perversion in 1 Tim 6:1-5 or Eph 5:3-6, and also in Jud 4, 2Pe 2:19
 - ii. Notice the corruption here – 1 Cor 15:33, 2 Co 2:17, 4:2, Eph 4:22, 2Ti 3:8-13

2. Phil 2:15-16 – Lights in the World

- a. All of this is not to generate religious pride, but for Christ’s sake – 1 Co 9:22, 9:27
- b. “*lights in the world*” – Ye are light in the Lord...walk like it – Eph 5:8
 - i. Light is understanding – Psa 119:130, Israel had it – Ps 119:105, Isa 60:3, 2:3
 - ii. For Israel, the law was light – Matt 5:14-20, Prov 6:23, John 3:21, 1 John 2:9
 - iii. Our light is according to the gospel of grace – 2 Cor 4:4-6, Titus 2:11-12
- c. “*holding forth the word of life*” – being already lights, they needed to be blameless
 - i. The word of life can be both words Eph 1:13 and the Word (1 John 1:1)
 - ii. Their labour will not be in vain – 1 Cor 15:31, 58

3. Day of Christ

- a. “*rejoice in the day of Christ*” – what is this day? Not the rapture nor day of the Lord
- b. “*day of Christ*” is uniquely Pauline – Phil 1:6, 1:10; 1Co 1:8, 2 Ti 1:18, 4:8
- c. Now read about the Day of the Lord - Jer 46:10, Zeph 1:14-15
- d. The Day of Christ is when we sit and reign with Christ in heavenly places.
 - i. The Thessalonians were being convinced that the reign was now – 2Th 2:2¹

4. Phil 2:17-18 – The Cause of Joy

- a. “*I have not run in vain*” – Our work will be made manifest - 1 Cor 3:13-15
- b. Paul’s interested in his work meaning something, he wants fruit – Phil 1:22
- c. His work and fruit is people - 2 Cor 1:14, 1 Thess 2:8-12, 18-20
- d. He does not want his time to be wasted – Eph 5:16, Col 4:5, Gal 4:11,19
- e. His rejoicing and glory will be in that day, and what we do now has affect
- f. We do not know the affect of ministry until that day, but we should try to be sure

¹ See article online ‘Day of Christ is Not at Hand’ at www.graceambassadors.com