

PHILIPPIANS: LESSON 4

I. BEING LIGHTS IN THE WORLD (2:12-18)

- A. Work your own salvation to completion (2:12-13)
- B. Do not murmur (v.14-15)
- C. Hold forth the word of life (v.16)
- D. Paul's sacrifice of joy on brethren's sacrifice of faith (v. 17)
- E. Rejoice (v. 18)

QUESTIONS:

1. What lies behind, and is the basis for the connecting phrase: "so then...obey...work out your own salvation"?

2. How consistent should our obedience be unto the Lord?

3. To "work out your own salvation", one must:
 - (a) start, but don't be too concerned of finishing, for God's grace will cover you.
 - (b) start, but make sure you finish your race, living as a Christian.
 - (c) start, but spend your time worrying about everyone else's imperfections.

4. _____ and _____ should accompany the working out your salvation. Why?

5. To do all things without "questionings" or "disputing" means:
 - (a) never investigate the doctrine you hear from elders and preachers.
 - (b) never question the practices of your brethren.
 - (c) never question God's faithfulness and Truth.

6. What **three** characteristics describe the true children of God in the world?

7. We shine as lights in the world when we _____ the _____ of _____.

8. According to Paul, he would have run and labored in vain if:

9. What kind of offering did Paul visualize himself being in connection with the sacrifice of the Philippians' faith?

10. What should this offering produce in the Philippians?

MATCH THESE KEY WORDS:

BLAMELESS

“turned aside and distorted”

HARMLESS

“stars”

PERVERSE:

unmixed, or without mixture of evil”

LIGHTS:

“cannot find fault”