

Shine Like Stars in the Universe

Philippians 2:12-18

□ **God's Purpose and Power FOR our lives. 12-13**

1. We are NOT to work FOR our salvation, but we ARE to work OUT our salvation.
 - Justification = My STANDING before God
 - Sanctification = My WALK with God
 - Past, Present & Future aspects of salvation
2. God works IN us what we are to work OUT
ALL for HIS Purposes!

□ **Impacting the World THROUGH our lives. 14-16**

1. The way it is in the world: crooked and depraved
2. The way it should be in the church:
 - Our attitude – without complaining and arguing
Remember Israel in the wilderness
 - Our process – becoming blameless, pure and without fault
 - Our influence – light (Matthew 5:14-16)
 - Our calling – hold out the word of life

□ **Internal Joy in the Process OF our lives. 17-18**

1. The image of an Old Testament drink offering.
Numbers 15:1-10, Exodus 29:38-41
2. We can rejoice, even in the midst of suffering, as we face life together since we know that our lives are being used for His purposes.

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