

BE THE LIGHT, Part 1

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Is 9:1-2 (NLT2)

¹ ...that time of darkness/despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. ² The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine

I. GOD-BIRTHED PURPOSE

Matt 5:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Daniel 12:3 (NKJV) ³ Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.



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Phil 2:5 (NKJV)

**LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU
WHICH WAS ALSO
IN CHRIST JESUS**

II. SWIMMING UPSTREAM IN A DOWNSTREAM WORLD



III. THE PICTURE TO THE PASSAGE

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**Philippi: a ROMAN colony in a
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- **Philippians 2:2**
- **Philippians 2:5-11**

Philippians 2:12-13 NKJV

**¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**

Philippians 2: 14-16 NKJV

¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Philippians 2: 15

Good News Translation

so that you may be innocent and pure as God's perfect children, who live in a world of corrupt and sinful people. You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky...



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Calvin said, "We are justified by faith alone, but the faith that justifies is never alone."

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**BE blameless and harmless:
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3. REMEMBER, YOU'RE SWIMMING UPSTREAM



GK: warped, distorted, fault-finding, wicked, misinterpreting, corrupt

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4. SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

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**you are an *illuminator*, i.e.
(concretely) a *luminary*, or
(abstract) *brilliancy***

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5. HOLDING FAST THE WORD OF LIFE

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