

Philippians 2:12-18 - Part 2

Verse 16-18 Paul continues here with more admonitions about we are to view ourselves and the proper way we should live.

1. Hold fast – vs. 16a – this is a term that they all understood. It means to grasp so tightly that nothing can separate the two parts.
 - a. 2 Thess. 2:15 –
 - b. Heb. 4:14 –
 - c. Joshua 23:8
 - d. 1 Thess. 5:21
 - e. Ps. 119:31
 - f. Rev. 3:11
2. The word of life – vs. 16b – The WORD is life. In fact Jesus said He was the Word and that the Word was in the beginning. It is that word which gives us eternal life.
 - a. John 1:1-5
 - b. John 5:24
3. In the day of Christ – vs. 16c – The day we are standing in the presence of God the Father because Jesus returned.
 - a. Phil. 1:6
 - b. 1 Cor. 1:8
 - c. 1 Peter 1:7
 - d. 2 Cor. 1:14
4. I may have cause to glory – vs. 16d – He is the reason we glory and the reason we will look forward to His return.
5. I did not run in vain or toil in vain – vs. 16e – Paul truly believed that all his efforts were not in vain. He believed that he had done well and the God would say to him, “well done, my good and faithful servant.”
 - a. Heb 12:1
 - b. 1 Cor. 9:24
 - c. 2 Tim 4:7
 - d. Gal. 2:2
6. Poured out as a drink offering – vs. 17a – Paul understood the significance of the drink offering. He believed even if he had to sacrifice all for the sake of Christ, it would be worth it.
 - a. Numb. 28:7

7. And you too – vs. 17b – We are encouraged to be just as Paul was and determined to rejoice in all things.
 - a. Phil. 4:4
 - b. John 16:20