

## **“How to Live in a Crooked and Perverse Generation” Part 3**

Intro: Phil. 2:14-16

- In the midst  
Deut. 32:5; Acts 2:40; Matthew 17:17; Proverbs 2:11-15

Do all things without grumbling or disputing

- Grumbling—is essentially emotional
  - Carries the idea of complaining
- Disputing—is essentially intellectual
  - Carries the idea of questioning, doubting or Disputing God’s truth of the matter

Among whom you appear as lights in the world

Daniel 12:3; Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 49:6; Eph. 5:8

I. Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ vs. 1:27-30

Phil. 3:18-21; Eph. 2:19; 4:1  
Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:10

II. Model spiritual unity vs. 2:1-5

Eph. 4:1-6; 1 Cor. 1:10; John 17:21; Phil. 1:27

A) The right motives for spiritual unity vs. 1-2a

- 1) Because there is encouragement in Christ
- 2) Because there is consolation of love
- 3) Because there is fellowship of the Spirit
- 4) Because of affection and compassion

B) The right marks of spiritual unity vs. 2

- 1) Being of the same mind
- 2) Maintaining the same love
- 3) United in spirit
- 4) Intent on one purpose

C) The right means for spiritual unity vs. 3-4

III. Have this attitude of Christ among yourselves vs. 5-8

1 John 2:6; 1 Cor. 11:1; Romans 15:1-3; Matt. 11:29

- Transitional statement
  - Looks back to the principle of vs. 3-4
  - Looks forward to the model of that principle vs. 6-8
- Attitude—have a mindset, be minded
  - Let the same mind be in you all as in Christ

Matt. 20:28; John 13:14-15; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 2:3

Humility of mind

- The character of humility vs. 6-8

1) He is God vs. 6a

Col. 1:15-16; Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:20

1 Peter 2:9; Rom. 5:1-2; 8:14-17

2) He did not selfishly clutch His privileges vs. 6b-7a

Matt. 20:28; Phil. 2:17-18; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; 2 Cor. 8:9

3) He submitted to being a bondservant vs. 7b

Matt. 8:9; Eph. 6:5; Romans 6:16; Luke 22:27

4) He had complete empathy and compassion for humanity vs. 7c-8a

Hebrews 2:17; 4:15; Mark 9:12; 1 Thess. 2:1-12; 1 Cor. 9:22

5) He humbled Himself vs. 8b

Phil. 2:3-4; John 4:34; 10:17-18; John 15:13; 2 Cor. 8:9

- God in tends for the truth to change us  
sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth.

- Apply God's truth to your life

- What are you to believe?
- What action are you to take?
- What change are you to embrace?