

The Joyful Journey

PART 14

The Joy of Fruitfulness (Part 2) - *Shining God's Light*

Philippians 2:14-18

Introduction:

Seeing God's Work:

Walk and work in the hopeful assurance that God is already happily & heartily accomplishing the glorious transformation of His grace in you.

How we Shine forth the One who is at Work in Us is shaped by how we think about:

I. God & Us

How do we think about who we are in Christ & what we've been given by God?

- A. He has saved us and is richly working in us. **vv. 12-13**
- B. We are His Children **vv. 14-15**
- C. All we have is from Him and is good.

II. The World and Us

How we understand our Adoption shapes our Mission in this World.

Because we are His own, we are:

- A. Content - You are Mine & all I have is Yours **v. 14**
- B. Contrasting - You are like Me **v. 15**
- C. Casting Light - You are My Face **v. 15c**
- D. Calling to Life - You are Redeemed **v. 16**

III. Us.

Faith, Joy & the Whole Point of Investing in and Serving One Another **vv. 16-18**

Philippians 2:12-18

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.

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.

17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me (literally “share your joy with me”).

*Oh Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek.
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.*

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.