

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Stop Complaining"

Philippians 2:14-16

Paul's first concern was that they work out their salvation (Philippians 2:12-13).

Paul's second concern was that they do all things without grumbling and disputing (Philippians 2:14-16).

What are Paul's stated reasons for the command to "do all things without grumbling and disputing?"

The first reason for the church to do all things without grumbling and disputing is that it might function as a beacon of light to a faithless world (Philippians 2:15-16a).

The second reason for the church to do all things without grumbling and disputing is that those who have spiritually labored in our lives might have cause to glory in the day of Christ (Philippians 2:16).

The "day of Christ" refers to the moment when believers meet the Lord and the church is given their glorified bodies and eternal rewards.

If we are present on the "day of Christ" for the examination of our works the very worst thing that could happen to us would be entering into eternal bliss (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).

But there is also a possibility that professing Christians at Philippi may not be there on the day of Christ because their faith has been a sham (Matthew 7:21-23).

Paul invested his life in the Philippian church and he hoped to see that investment pay off when he would find them present and accounted for on the day of Christ.

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This "glorying" or "boasting" or "rejoicing" in Philippians 2:16 has nothing to do with what Paul has done but with what Christ has done through him (Romans 15:18).

Grumbling is a common sin in the world but it needs to be an uncommon sin among Christians.