

**Sermon:** Shine as Lights

**Bible Passage:** Philippians 2:12-18

**I. We live in a world that celebrates the lives of people/ institutions who have made a difference for good. Shouldn't the local church also be celebration—worthy?**

**II. The Apostle Paul gives a call to unity to the Church at Philippi**

1. Dissensions were affecting the church internally
2. Dissensions were tarnishing the testimony of the church
  
3. How can we be a testimony both individually and corporately in this world?
  - (a) Live a life of testimony motivated by the example set by Christ Himself (12a)
    - i. A life of testimony is lived out with reverence (12b)
    - ii. A life of testimony is lived out with God's enablement (13)
  
  - (b) Shine as lights in a crooked and twisted generation, exemplified by unity (Vs. 14, 15)
    - i. A life of testimony is characterized by guidance from God's word (Vs. 16a)
    - ii. A life of testimony results in confidence to meet our Lord Jesus at His Second Coming (Vs. 16b)
    - iii. A life of testimony is worth it (Vs. 16c)
  
  - (c) Rejoice in the midst of suffering, a result of living a life of testimony (Vs. 17, 18)

**III. Take Away**

Let us together shine as lights in this world!