Lights In The World
Phil. 2:15

Introduction:
A. As Christians, we must live in the world, in the midst of its people.
  1. Not in physical isolation (1 Cor. 5:10; Mt. 9:11,12).
  2. But, lights in the midst of darkness (Txt, cf. Mt. 5:13,14)
B. As Christians, we can shine as lights in five ways taught in Philippians.

Discussion:
   A. United with one another. (2:1,2; 4:2,3; cf. “fellow” workers)
      1. Paul commanded it. (1 Cor. 1:10).
      2. Maturity demands it. (1 Cor.3:1-4).
   B. United for truth. (1:27)
      1. This unity Jesus prayed for. (John 17:20-23).
      2. This in not “ecumenical” type unity.
   C. United against adversaries. (1:28)
      1. Striving together against all kinds of sin. (Heb. 12:4).

II. With an Unselfish Attitude. (Phil. 2:3,4).
   A. Such promotes harmony. (strife [KJV], faction [ASV], selfish ambition [NKJV])
   B. Such follows a perfect pattern. (2:5-11).

III. With an Unreserved Obedience. (Phil. 2:12)
   A. Constant obedience — “always”. (v. 12)
   B. Reverent obedience — “fear and trembling”. (v. 12,13).
   C. Willing obedience — “without murmurings and disputing”. (v. 14)

IV. With an Unblemished Character. (Phil. 2:15).
   A. Morally upright. (cf. Eph. 5:1-12).
   B. Spiritually sound—"holding forth the word of life” (v. 16).

V. With an Unruffled Disposition. (4:4,5).
   A. Moderation (gentleness) known to all men. (4:5, “epi” intense “eikos” reasonable).
   B. Contentment in whatever state. (4:11).
   C. Calm and collected. (4:6-9).

Conclusion:
A. Can we not see that such things are the best advertisements for Christianity.
B. How brightly does your light in midst of world?
C. What kind of impression for Christianity are you leaving on the world?