“What In The World Are We To Do?”
Phil. 2:12-15

Introduction:
A. Christians often ask, “What in the world are we to do?”
B. Philippians told: What in the world they were to do.
   1. Do it for their salvation. (v. 12).
   2. Do it in midst of crooked and perverse generation. (v. 15).

Discussion:
I. Obey God In The world. (vs. 12-13).
   A. Constantly. (“always”).
      3. Not always understood. (cf. 1 Pet. 4:4)
   B. Conscientiously (“not as in my presence only….”).
      1. Our sincerity is tested when alone with God. (cf. Rom. 3:5).
      2. Our sincerity is tested when absent from those who obey.
      3. Our sincerity is tested when in midst of those who do not obey.
      4. Our sincerity is shown by the consistency of our obedience.
   C. Carefully. (“fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you…”)
      1. In awe and respect for the power and majesty of God. (Acts 17:28)
      2. In awe and respect for the worship of God. (John 4:24)
      3. In awe and respect for the promises of God. (2 Pet. 3:9)
      4. In awe and respect for the threats of God. (Heb. 10:26-31)
      5. In awe and respect for the authority of God. (Col. 3:17)
         a. Some things authorized for all Christians – Individually and collectively (as church)
         b. Some things authorized for certain Christians.
            (1) Various “offices”
            (2) Men and women.
   D. Completely. (“do all things”)
      1. Can offend in one point and be guilty of all. (Jas. 2:10).
      2. Gospel must be preached completely so can be obeyed completely. (Acts 20:20,27).
      3. Every transgression receive just recompense of reward. (Heb. 2:2,3)
   E. Cheerfully. (v. 14).

II. Shine As Lights In The World. (v. 15).
   A. In that they are different from darkness of world. (Mt 5:14-16; 6:23).
      1. As Christians.
      2. As Congregations.
   B. In that they guide those lost in darkness. (cf. Lighthouse, beacon, light in window).

III. Hold Forth The Word of Life In The World. (v. 16).
   A. Study it. (2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11).
   B. Guard it. (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16,17).
   C. Preach it. (2 Tim. 4:1-4).
   D. Preserve it. (Gal. 2:4,5).
   E. Practice it. (1 Pet. 1:14-25).

Conclusion:
A. What in the world are you going to do?
B. You must decide what in the world you are going to do? No one can do it for you.