## BE THE LIGHT, Part 1 July 7, 2019



### Is 9:1-2 (NLT2

1 ...that time of darkness/despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. 2 The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine

#### I. GOD-BIRTHED PURPOSE

#### Matt 5:14-16 (NKJV)

14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Daniel 12:3 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

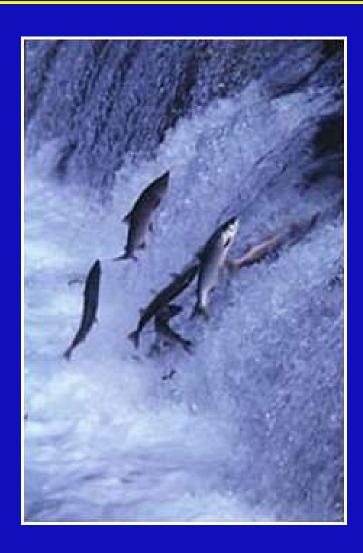




### I. GOD-BIRTHED PURPOSE

# Phil 2:5 (NKJV) LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS

### II. SWIMMING UPSTREAM IN A DOWNSTREAM WORLD



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Philippi: a ROMAN colony in a GENTILE land.

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- Philippians 2:2
- Philippians 2:5-11

#### Philippians 2:12-13 NKJV

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.

#### Philippians 2: 14-16 NKJV

<sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> 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.

#### Philippians 2: 15

#### **Good News Translation**

so that you may be innocent and pure as God's perfect children, who live in a world of corrupt and sinful people. You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky...



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Calvin said, "We are justified by faith alone, but the faith that justifies is never alone."

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### BE blameless and harmless: be INNOCENT

### 3. REMEMBER, YOU'RE SWIMMING UPSTREAM



GK: warped, distorted, faultfinding, wicked, misinterpreting, corrupt

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you are an *illuminator*, i.e. (concretely) a *luminary*, or (abstract) *brilliancy* 

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