

# MESSAGE

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TITLE : THE CHRISTIAN IN THE HOME, IN THE CHURCH, IN THE WORLD  
Text/s :

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.  
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Matt 5:16

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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1 Peter 2:9

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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Bible Reading :

Phil 2:12-16

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye 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 which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

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Song/s :

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## INTRODUCTION

How do we define the Christian? We say, "A Christian is a saved person." But when many claim to be saved and to be born again, then how do you distinguish the real Christian?

We say, "A Christian is a disciple. A learner. A follower." But when everybody else claims to be a follower and a learner and the same can talk and look like one, then how do we really know the real Christian?

We say, "A Christian is a light and salt." But the fact is, can we really claim to be light and salt? Ask yourself...Can you really make a claim that you are indeed light and salt?

We say, "A Christian is a child of God." OK...so as a child of God, how do we differentiate ourselves from the children of the devil?

**NOTICE how the Word refers to the Christian...**

1 Cor 6:20

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.  
(KJV)

Matt 5:14-16

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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Matt 5:16

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Matt 5:13

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

(KJV)

Luke 14:34-35

34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(KJV)

**The condition and state of the believer is often described with an attachment. When the Bible says, “ye are bought with a price” it says “therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's.”**

When the Bible says “Ye are the light of the world...” it also says, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven.”

When the Bible says, “ye are the salt of the earth.” It also gives a solemn warning that “if the salt have lost his saviour, wherewith shall it be salted.” Clearly the Bible wants salt that serves its purpose.

And God's Word is firm - - - He wants a Christian that serves his purpose - in the home, in the church and in the world.

If we are salt - we are salt in every area - the home, the church, the world. If we are light, we are light in the home, in the church, in the world.

If we are saved, we live our being saved in the home, in the church and in the world.

## **A) Christians in the home**

- 1) Keepers of the way of the Lord in the home

Gen 18:19

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

(KJV)

- 2) Doers in the Name of Christ.

Col 3:17-24

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.  
19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.  
20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.  
21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.  
22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:  
23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;  
24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.  
KJV

Eph 6:1-4

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.  
2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)  
3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.  
4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.  
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## 2) Agents of order in the home

Titus 2:1-10

1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:  
2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.  
3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;  
4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,  
5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.  
6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.  
7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,  
8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.  
9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;  
10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.  
(KJV)

## 3) Proponents of service to God

Josh 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.  
(KJV)

## 4) Providers

2 Cor 12:14

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.  
KJV

1 Tim 5:4

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.  
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## B) The Christians in the work of the Lord

### 1) We are vessels unto honor

2 Tim 2:20-21

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

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2 Cor 4:7

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

(KJV)

### 2) We are stewards abounding and fruitful

2 Cor 8:7

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

(KJV)

2 Pet 1:3-9

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

(KJV)

### 3) We are laborers steadfast, unmoveable, abounding

1 Cor 3:9-10

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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1 Cor 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

(KJV)

### 4) We are builders, edifiers

1Thes 5:11

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.  
(KJV)

1 Cor 14:26

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.  
(KJV)

Rom 14:19

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.  
(KJV)

5) We are ministers of prayer

1Thes 5:17

17 Pray without ceasing.  
(KJV)

II Th 3:1

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:  
(KJV)

James 5:13

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.  
(KJV)

6) We are a fountain of love, faith and hope

1Thes 4:9

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.  
(KJV)

1 Pet 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:  
(KJV)

I Jn 3:11

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.  
(KJV)

Phil 1:9

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;  
(KJV)

7) We are ambassadors of unity

Eph 4:3

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
(KJV)

Eph 4:11-16

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

(KJV)

## 8) We are witnesses to the world

Acts 1:8

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

KJV

Matt 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

KJV

Mark 16:15

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

(KJV)

## C) The Christian in the World

### 1) We are subjects to authority

1 Peter 2:13-17

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

KJV

1 Tim 2:1-3

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

KJV

Titus 3:1-2

1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.  
KJV

Rom 13:1-2

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

(KJV)

2) We are a standard

Phil 2:15-16

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

(KJV)

2 Cor 3:1-2

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

(KJV)

Matt 10:16

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

(KJV)

John 4:28-30

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

(KJV)

1 Cor 1:26-29

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

(KJV)

3) We are a victorious force

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

(KJV)

I Jn 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.  
17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 Jn 4:4

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.  
(KJV)

4) We are a peculiar people

1 Peter 2:9

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:  
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The prison cell where we are in...

Imagine yourself in a big prison cell along with others on death row. You have been with the rest quite some time and you are one with how everyone is in the prison walls.

You go about your life as a prisoner, trying to be able to go through every day with the prisoners and the warden.

Then one day, an announcement comes. The warden calls on you to say that in one month time, you will be free. Someone made a plea and you'll be free in 30 days. And that if you become exemplary in your conduct through the 30 days, you will not just be free, you will have all privileges of an innocent person, not an ex-convict.

You are then sent back to the prison to be with the rest of the prisoners. They ask what you were called. What are you going to say? How do you begin your day? Will you change? How will you conduct yourself before the rest of the prisoners who have known you all along.

You cannot hide. You cannot exclude yourself. You cannot put a wall around you.

How will you treat your fellow inmates for 30 days?

How will your relationship be with the warden?

Manny Pacquiao's interview...

Interviewer : Are you for or against Same-Sex Marriage?

MP : As Christian, bawal naman yang same-sex marriage. Ginawa ang babae para sa lalake. Ginawa ang lalake para sa babae. Kasi para sa akin... ito lang ho... common sense lang... makakita k aba ng any animals na lalake sa lalake o babae sa babae? Mas mabuti pa yung hayop, marunong kumikilala kung lalake o lalake, babae, babae... o di ba? Ngayon, kung lalake sa lalake o babae sa babae, eh mas masahol pa sa hayop ang tao. O di ba? Ang hayop lang hindi talaga pwedeng magsama ang lalake sa lalake. Pero, I am not condemning them.

Interviewer : Yun lang pong marriage?

MP : Yung marriage lang. Yung committing sin against God. I'm not condemning them. Yung marriage lang. Yung committing sin against God.

Rom 7:14-25

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.  
15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.  
16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.  
17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.  
18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.  
19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.  
20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.  
21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.  
22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:  
23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.  
24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?  
25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.  
KJV

Rom 7:24-25

4 What a miserable creature I am! Who will rescue me from this body bound for death? 25 Thanks be to God [, he will!] – through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord!  
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Rom 8:18-25

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.  
19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.  
20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,  
21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.  
22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.  
23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.  
24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?  
25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.  
KJV

1 Peter 1:7-9

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:  
8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:  
9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.  
KJV

2 Cor 5:2-4

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:  
3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.  
4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.  
KJV

1 John 3:2-3

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

KJV

Titus 2:11-15

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

KJV

2 Tim 4:6-8

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

KJV

Phil 3:20-21

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

KJV

1 Peter 2:12

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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1 Peter 2:12

12 Conduct yourselves properly (honorably, righteously) among the Gentiles, so that, although they may slander you as evildoers, [yet] they may by witnessing your good deeds [come to] glorify God in the day of inspection [when God shall look upon you wanderers as a pastor or shepherd looks over his flock].

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1 Cor 6:9-11

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

KJV

1 Cor 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality,

10 Nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

11 And such some of you were [once]. But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.

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1 Cor 5:9-10

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

KJV

John 17:14-20

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

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John 15:18-21

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

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Phil 2:12-16

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye 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 which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

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Phil 2:12-16

12 So, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed when I was with you, it is even more important that you obey now when I am away from you: keep working out your deliverance with fear and trembling, 13 for God is the one working among you both the willing and the working for what pleases him. 14 Do everything without kvetching or arguing, 15 so that you may be blameless and pure children of God, without defect in the midst of a twisted and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the sky, 16 as you hold on to the Word of Life. If you do this, I will be able to boast, when the Day of the Messiah comes, that I did not run or toil for nothing.

CJB