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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

**Phil. 2:14-16a** *Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.* (NIV)

The church at Philippi had the same issues as many other churches did and still do. And because of that, there was grumbling and arguing going on. Paul exhorted them to do everything without grumbling (Greek word - *gongusmon*) which means muttering and murmuring. These are not from the LORD. These attributes do not come from the Father, but from our own selfish desires and motives. Many in the church might ask: “What about my rights?” **1 Cor. 6:19-20** *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.* (NIV) You gave your rights to Jesus when you made Him LORD of your life.

Paul goes on to say that we are blameless and pure because of the atonement of the Lamb of God. We are covered by the blood of Jesus. Many may offer up excuses for why they can't tell others about Jesus. They may think that they've done too many bad things, or people may already know what I have done, or even that they may know my past. All of those things are covered and paid for by the blood of the Lamb. We have been made pure and clean and whole. We are to then show up, stand up and speak up for the One Who has done everything for us. Just remember this: the darker the night, the brighter the light. We need to lift up the light of Jesus so that others may know and trust in Him.

**Dear LORD, help us get our eyes off of ourselves and onto the people around us that need to know and experience Your awesome love. In Jesus Name, Amen**