Your Role In God's Great Redemptive History

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INTRODUCTION

- Through our brief lives, and how brief they are, we may play a role in God's redemptive history.
- Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. That has always been our charge, regardless of what's going on in our culture.
- What we can control is the role that God is expecting us to play in his great redemptive history.

1 You Have Something to Prove

Philippians 2:15; 1 Peter 4:2–5; Romans 6

- That you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent. Children of God.
- Understand that as a Christian, as a child of God, you've got something to prove.
- Are we honing our abilities to be our best in the ultimate endeavor?
- We must not be content to dabble in sinful and inferior conduct.
- So as to live the rest of the time in the flesh, no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.
- Your message to a lost world must be clear. I belong to the king.

2 Living Well Above the Norm

Deuteronomy 32:4–5; 1 Peter 2:11–12

- We're living well above the norm. As we appear as lights in the world.
- They have acted corruptly toward him. They are not his children because of their defect, but are a perverse and crooked generation.
- We can align ourselves with God and imitate his character to where we're no longer the crooked and perverse generation, but we are his lights in the midst of it.
- We keep our behavior excellent among the Gentiles, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our God in the day of visitation.
- We must live well above the norm, not be content with the fact, well, I'm a little bit better than others.

3 Holding Fast the Word of Life

Philippians 2:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1–2; Titus 1:9

- Appearing as lights in the world, he says, in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation, holding fast the word of life.

- You're not going to live well above the norm unless you hold fast the word.
- He's saying your mind needs to have a firm grasp and grip on the word.
- We are being influenced and persuaded on a regular and daily basis to not hold it fast.
- We must hold fast this message. Dedicated to it, in love with it, knowing its power in our lives.
- If we don't see ourselves as lights in the world, if that's not what our behavior has been of late, it is because we have not been clinging to the word as we should.

4 Not Running nor Toiling in Vain

Philippians 2:16

- He's telling the church at Philippi that you are a worthwhile product of my labors.
- What I would hate to see happen is for that not to pay off ultimately. For you to lose sight of your mission and be lost.
- There is a great reward in knowing it's having an effect in people's lives.
- There has been investments made in you from people who love you, who have sacrificed for you. How are you regarding that investment?
- None of us are where we are today spiritually by ourselves.

THE CHALLENGE

Can we be light to you today and help you to find this ultimate and redeeming path for your life?

MY NOTES