

"We live in a culture that cultivates conversations of complaint."

or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life,

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so that in the day of Christ
I may be proud that I did not
run in vain or labor in vain.

17 Even if I am to be poured out
as a drink offering upon the
sacrificial offering of your faith,
I am glad and rejoice with you
all.—Philippians 2:14-17 ESV

"When we love a person we are not afraid of what they may do to us, but rather, what we may do to them...
The Christian's greatest fear is crucifying Christ again."

—William Barclay

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"Every age develops its own peculiar forms of pathology which express in exaggerated form its underlying character structure."

—Christopher Lasch, Social Critic

Remember Who You Are as God's Possession

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Who am I?

- I have been set free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2
 - I am a fellow heir with Christ. Romans 8:17
 - I have been called to be a saint. Ephesians 1:1
- My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in me. I Corinthians 6:19

Who am I?

- I am a new creature in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
 Ephesians 1:3
 - I am chosen, holy, and blameless before God. Ephesians 1:4
- I have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13

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Who am I?

- I have been made alive in Christ. Ephesians 2:4-5
- I am God's workmanship created to produce good works. Ephesians 2:10
 - I am a citizen of heaven.
 Philippians 3:20
- I have been made complete in Christ.

 Colossians 2:10

Recognize Where You Are by God's Providence

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¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

—John 17:15-18 ESV

... "the idea here is to accept that providential plan which God has ordained for your life, live out your salvation without any complaints directed at Him. A joyful heart, a thankful heart, no emotional grumbling, and no intellectual disputing or arguing with God.

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But rather, without complaint, gratefully we live out our salvation. That is what he calls for Christians to maintain in terms of an attitude that pervades all their living."

—John MacArthur

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves,

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but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us...

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence.

—2 Corinthians 4:3-7, 13-14 ESV

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- Westside High School Project
- Goodale Park (Grovetown)

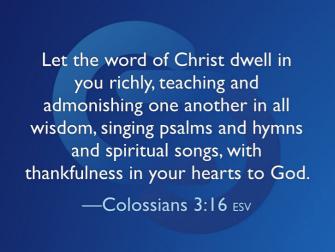
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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.—Matthew 5:16 ESV

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Reflect What You've Been Taught
by Your Pastor

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