

# An ‘Acceptable’ Sin?

Philippians 2:12-16

## I. Introduction

*There are some who do little else but complain. They complain of the times, of the weather, of the government, of their families, of their trade; if, for once, they would complain of themselves, they might have a more deserving subject for fault-finding.”—Charles Spurgeon*

## II. We must not tolerate in our lives the sin of complaining

### A. Because of God’s Precept (v.14)

Matthew 12: 34b For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

I Corinthians 10: 6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

### Numbers 11

1. Our complaining is \_\_\_\_\_

2. Our complaining is \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our complaining \_\_\_\_\_

*“God is reforming us with hammers of redemption.” – Paul Tripp*

4. Our complaining feeds \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to sin against God

5. Our complaining is ultimately a \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Because of God's Purposes (v.15-16)**

Isaiah 53: 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth

This is the hope of the gospel: Jesus refused to complain, and He went to a cross to take all of our sin and complaining upon Himself and God punished Him for ALL of our complaining, that we might be forgiven and declared by God as "blameless, innocent, without blemish."

**C. Because of God's Power (v. 12-13)**

Titus 2: 1 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age...