



A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

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Philippians 1:27–2:4
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SERMON OUTLINE

NOTES

I. LIVING WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL (PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30)

A. A worthy gospel citizen (Philippians 1:27)

1. Our manner of life must be worthy (Ephesians 4:1–3; Colossians 1:9–10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12)
2. Our manner of life must be worthy of the gospel, the Lord, of God, of our calling
3. We must be worthy because we are citizens of Christ's Kingdom (1 Thessalonians 2:12; Colossians 1:13–14; Philippians 3:20)

B. The purpose of living as worthy gospel citizens (Philippians 1:27b-28)

1. Paul has given his report of the gospel ministry and advancement (Philippians 1:12–26), so now he wants to hear a report of the church's gospel ministry (Philippians 1:27b)
2. The expressed desire from Paul is to hear of a church standing firmly in the unity of the gospel, and the unified mission of gospel ministry (Philippians 1:27; 4:3)
3. A fearless church devoted to Christ even while under the threat of suffering is a sign to the world (Philippians 1:28)

C. The reason why we ought to live as worthy gospel citizens (Philippians 1:29–30)

1. We have been granted faith and salvation (Philippians 1:29; Ephesians 2:8–9)
2. We have also been granted suffering for the sake of Christ (Philippians 1:29; Romans 8:16–17)

II. THE GOSPEL IN OUR THINKING AND ATTITUDE (PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4)

A. Characteristics true of Christ-centered churches (Philippians 2:1)

1. The five “if” clauses are characteristics not conditions
2. Paul expects the church to exhibit gospel-worthy attitudes

B. Being a Christ-centered church with gospel-worthy attitudes demands unity in the gospel (Philippians 2:2; 1:15, 7, 27)

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:4

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of God? How does it differ from our earthly citizenship (like that of a US citizen)?
2. What is a worthy gospel citizen? Why must our manner of life be worthy of the gospel?
3. How does our salvation and suffering compel us to live as worthy gospel citizens?
4. What kinds of attitudes and characteristics does Paul command the church to exhibit? Do you find yourself exhibiting these characteristics and attitudes?
5. Why is it so important that our thoughts and attitudes display the gospel? How does the way we think have an affect on our relationship with God? Our relationship with others? With ourselves?