

Philippians 1:27-30

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INDESTRUCTIBLE JOY

27 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.



## Structure of 1:27-2:18

1. Live as worthy heavenly citizens (1:27-2:4)
- 2. Look to the example of Christ (2:5-11)**
3. Work out your salvation (2:12-18)



**Main Point: We have been called to live as heavenly citizens  
worthy of the gospel of Christ.**



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- We rightly recognize that we are not worthy of God because of our sinfulness, yet...
- being worthy of God is expected and commanded in our Christian walk.



# What does it mean to walk worthy of the gospel?

- To walk worthy of the gospel means to live in such a way that the world sees how worthy, precious, and gracious Jesus is.



# Why must we walk worthy?

i. To glorify God

ii. To display fruit of our salvation



# What are the evidences of a worthy walk?

- The evidence of living in a worthy manner includes standing firm in one Spirit and mind.



2. As worthy heavenly citizens, let's work hard to live out our faith (v27b).



3. As worthy heavenly citizens, let's not let opposition stop us from serving God and suffering well (v28-30)



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How?

- Remember that God is ultimately in control.
- Because persecution is a sign of our salvation.
- Because suffering is a gift of love from God.
- Because opposition is something that God's people share in.



## Benediction

“<sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

*Philippians 1:9–11*



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**“More Than a Label”**  
Philippians 1:27-30 - *Pastor Josh Gerber*

Main point: **We have been called to live as heavenly citizens worthy of the gospel of Christ.**

1. As worthy heavenly citizens, let's live out our faith in \_\_\_\_\_. (v27a)
  - Being worthy is expected and commanded in our Christian walk.  
Why?
    - 1) To glorify God
    - 2) To display fruit of our salvation
  - At the same time, we are not worthy of God because of our sinfulness.
  - To walk worthy of the gospel means to live in such a way that the world sees how worthy, precious, and gracious Jesus is.
  - The evidence of living in a worthy manner includes standing firm in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. As worthy heavenly citizens, let's \_\_\_\_\_ to live out our faith (v27b).

3. As worthy heavenly citizens, let's not let opposition stop us from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v28-30).

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Your responsibility by God's enabling is to consistently apply the divine principles and truth you've heard (Phil. 2:12-20, 1 Tim. 4:7-9, James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Does the command to let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to live in a manner worthy of the gospel (see also Phil. 1:27; Col. 1:10, Eph. 4:1; 3 John 1:6.)
3. What are some ways in which you can see if you are living in a worthy manner?
4. What does it mean to stand firm in one Spirit and mind?
5. How does disunity threaten the body of Christ?
6. What does hard work in the Christian life look like and depend on?
7. Why should we not be frightened by spiritual opposition?

Do you think of suffering as a gift? Why or why not?