

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Philippians 1:27-30--March 19th, 2023

Sermon Recap:

A Worthy Life

I. Gospel Worthy

"walk in a manner worthy of the gospel"- We are citizens of heaven who have duties here in this land. We should live a life consistent with the gospel that has redeemed you. Live up to the good news you profess. What does that look like?

a. Sin

- We no longer live the old life of sin. We do not embrace or condone sin.

b. Substitution

- Christ was our substitute on the cross who took our punishment and died our death.
- We live with joy and peace, knowing that we are saved by His works and not our own.

c. Death

- Our old self was buried with Christ in the tomb.

d. Resurrected Life

- By faith, we have been raised to walk in the newness of life, clothed in his righteousness.
- The resurrection allows us to live with hope.

II. A Unified Front

a. Standing Firm

- We are to be persistent in clinging to the gospel.
- The Christian walk is not passive.

b. Side by side

- We do not contend alone. There are no maverick believers. We need one another in this foreign land.
- We must stand side by side with brothers and sisters who participate in the same grace and together we strive for the gospel.

c. One Spirit--One Mind

- When we contend together, we will find that the battle of Christ unites us all the more.

III. Signs from Above

a. Destruction

- Persecution reveals the enemies of the church. Unless they repent, they are destined for destruction.

b. Salvation

- Persecution for the gospel is evidence of true citizenship in heaven.

IV. Blessed Suffering

- While suffering is never pleasant, it is a privilege and honor to suffer for the Christ who suffered so very much to save his people.

Discussion Questions:

- What words does Paul use in these verses to describe the faithful Christian life (v.27-29)?
- "Live in a manner worthy of the gospel," implies that we are to live as citizens of heaven. What is significant about being a "citizen of heaven?"
- What temptations do believers face in responding to opposition in sinful ways?
- What warnings do Paul's instructions in V.27-28 provide regarding our response to persecution and hardship?
- Why does it serve as a sign of salvation when God's people respond to persecution in a fearless, holy, and unified way?
- What encouraging words does Paul offer the suffering Christian in this passage?

Application:

- What aspects of facing hardship or opposition to your faith tempt you to step walking in a way that is worthy of the gospel? What actions, words, or thoughts do you need to repent of related to this?
- How can you pursue gospel unity, and strive "side by side" for the faith of the gospel with fellow Christians?
- What obstacles do you see in the way of gospel unity?
- What practical steps can you take to cultivate greater unity in the church?
- How can v.29 shape your understanding of any suffering or hardship that affects you as a result of your devotion to Jesus or your proclamation of his gospel?
- What have these verses shown you about how to live a joyful life?

