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The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

# **Philippians 1:27-30**

# **Let Your Manner of Life**

# **Be Worthy of the Gospel**

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# Philippians 1:27-30

*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.*

# *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ*

*Only-(Alone)* Bringing them to a singular focus

*Let your manner of life be* (Conduct yourselves) *worthy of the gospel*

- **Ephesians 4:1** *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called*
- **Colossians 1:9-10** *As so from the day we heard we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*
- **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** *We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God*

Main command “*Let your manner of life* (conduct yourselves in a manner)”

- Being a citizen-What makes you a good citizen is your conduct (Life)
- What part of our life is Paul referring to?

# *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ*

Singular focus “let the totality of your life/conduct” *be worthy of the gospel of Christ*

- In other words, there must be consistency between our manner life/conduct and the worth of the gospel
- Our life either magnifies the worth of the gospel (Jesus) or minimizes the worth of the gospel (Jesus)
  - Our life is making a constant announcement
  - Our words, reactions, joy, delights, behavior, time, relationships
  - What does our manner of life today reveal to be of great worth?

Jesus Christ (Gospel) is of eternal worth

**Matthew 13:44** *The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found & covered up. Then **in his joy** he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

Does our conduct confirm or deny this truth?

What aspects of our life confirm or deny this truth?

# *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ*

**Evidences or characteristics of a manner of life being worthy of the gospel of Christ”**

- *Standing firm in one spirit (v27)*
  - Not being moved or shaken (conduct/doctrine)
  - **1 Cor 16:13** *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong*
  - Having about ourselves a spirit of standing firm
- *One mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel (v27)*
  - *Striving*-Engaging in a contest together with a common goal (struggling together)
  - What are we united together striving for? *For the faith of the gospel*
  - Defending the gospel, proclaiming the gospel, living the gospel

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- *Not frightened in anything (v28) (Together body)*
  - **Romans 8**
  - *V1-There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*
  - *V18 For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us*
  - *V26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought*
  - *V31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (READ Through 39)*
- *Suffering for the sake of Christ (v29)*
  - *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*
  - **Acts 5:41** *Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name*

*Only let your manner of life  
be worthy of the gospel of Christ*

**Is it your desire that you magnify Jesus Christ and the gospel by living  
having your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ?**

**This increases to the degree that you see Jesus for the treasure that He  
is (study the gospel)**

**When our manner of life springs forth from the gospel, derives it's  
power from the gospel, and points others to the gospel as it testifies to  
the worth of the gospel-This is a manner of life worthy of the gospel (A  
gospel centered life)**

**This is not about earning salvation, but about living a life in gratitude  
for God's gracious salvation**