

SERMON NOTES:



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Living Worthy of the Gospel
PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:18

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Live worthy of the Gospel

- “Whatever happens... conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel.” (1:27)
- Our life together is itself a witness to the world.
- Being worthy of the Gospel means:
 - Standing firm together
 - Striving together
 - Not being intimidated
 - Sharing the struggles of following Jesus

The Gospel calls us to humility

- We have received:
 - Encouragement in Christ
 - Comfort from His love
 - Fellowship in the Spirit
 - God’s tenderness and compassion
- Therefore:
 - Be like-minded
 - Have the same love
 - Put others before yourself
 - Look beyond your own interests

Jesus is our model

- Jesus did not grasp for Glory for His own benefit.
- He humbled Himself.
- He became a servant.
- He obeyed the Father—even to death on a cross.
- Adam grasped what wasn't his. Jesus gave what was His.
- The way of Jesus is the upside-down way of the Kingdom:
 - Humility before pride
 - Giving not grasping
 - Serving before being served

Humility protects the unity of the Church

- Selfish ambition and vain conceit destroy Christian community.
- Our preferences, interpretations and traditions can become more important to us than the unity Christ desires.
- Humility allows us to:
 - Listen
 - Learn
 - Grow together
 - Value others

Work out what God is working in

- “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” (2:12)
- God has already begun His work in us.
- Therefore, we actively participate in becoming more like Christ.
- Not fear of condemnation, but awe-filled reverence for God.
- Before considering, “What needs changing in them?”
- Ask... “What is God wanting to change in me?”

Shine like stars

- Do everything without grumbling or arguing.
- Hold firmly to the Word of Life.
- Become people who shine in a crooked generation.
- Our growth in Christlikeness is not the side project—it is key aspect of our worship.

Pour yourself out for others

- Paul describes himself as a drink offering poured out alongside the faith of the Philippians. A way of highlighting them in joyful praise to God.
- The Church is not about me.

Consider...

- Where am I grasping instead of giving?
- Where am I putting my interests above others?
- What is God currently working in me?
- Who could I encourage, serve or pour myself out for this week?