

Christ is Life: Walk Worthy of the Gospel

Philippians 1:27-30

Read Philippians 1:27-30 Together:

"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."

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."

- Philippians 3:8

The Unstoppable Gospel Advances When We:

1. Live lives worthy of the gospel.

- ? What does it mean to "walk worthy of the gospel"? What does "walking worthy" look like in your marriage? In your parenting? In your finances? In your daily living?
- ? Why is hypocrisy such a damaging characteristic as Christians? Is the Word of God authenticated by the Word alone or must it be lived out? Which is more important and why?
- ? Define orthopraxy and orthodoxy. Does one require the other? If so, which one and why?
- ? Do you think it is possible to live a life completely devoid of hypocrisy? Why or why not?

2. Stand firm and work together for the gospel.

- ? What does it mean to "stand firm" or to be "resolutely holding ground" in the gospel?
- ? In the text above, what is it that we're "standing on" and why? How is this applied in daily life?
- ? Have you ever stood firm on gospel grounds and faced consequences as a result? If so, explain.
- ? Have you ever failed to "stand your ground"? What happened and why did you choose to back away?
- ? Since belonging to a church body is not required for salvation, why should one choose to attend church? Does this help when choosing to "stand firm"? Why or why not?

3. Suffer well for the gospel.

? What does it mean to be persecuted?

- ? What does it mean to "suffer well for the gospel"?
- ? Do you think we suffer for the gospel in North America? Why or why not?
- ? How does one prepare for suffering?
- ? If we are not suffering for Christ, does it mean that we are not saved? Why or why not?