

Gospel Conduct

- 1. No Matter What, Live as Citizens of Heaven (27a)!**

- 2. Are We Contending for Christ or Fighting to Survive (27b-28a)?**

- 3. It Is God Who Both Saves Us and Gives Us Suffering (28b-30).**

CONCLUSION: Our faith in Christ is not just the means of our salvation, but ushers us by His grace into His Kingdom. Our new citizenship has both privileges and responsibilities, which are to govern our conduct. The freedom we have in Christ enables us to delight in Him regardless of our circumstance because we know the Father is using any and all situations for the advance of the gospel. Even more than that, all that we receive from God is a good gift fit for His royal family members. Let us then rejoice and praise Him for all that He is doing in our lives!

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who *walk according to the example you have in us*. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, *walk as enemies of the cross of Christ*. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But *our citizenship is in heaven*, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ *who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body*, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ And 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 and understanding, ¹⁰ *so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you *to share in the inheritance of the saints in light*. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and *transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son*, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

First Thessalonians 2:11-13

¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you *to walk in a manner worthy of God*, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, *urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called*, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, *bearing with one another in love*, ³ eager to maintain *the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Romans 16:1-2

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, ² that you may *welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints*, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

Third John 1:5-7

⁵ Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶ who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey *in a manner worthy of God*. ⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore we ought to support people like these, *that we may be fellow workers for the truth*.