

Philippians 1:27-30

I. Live as citizens worthy of the gospel

- A. Two citizenships
- B. Conduct during persecution
- C. Conduct in everyday life

II. Three ways to live worthy of the gospel

- A. Assumption: conflict
- B. What visible decisions are you making because of the gospel?
- C. Stand fast
- D. Fight as a team
 - i. Communicate with each other
 - ii. Communicate with God
 - iii. Give practical support
- E. Be unafraid (this implies joyful!)

III. Three reasons to live as citizens worthy of the gospel

- A. Your life-as-citizens is a sign from God
- B. Faith in Christ and hurting for Christ are both gifts from God (Ephesians 2:8; Psalm 75:6)
- C. You are not alone

IV. For the faith of the gospel

- A. We don't think we're strong enough to stand fast when it gets hard to follow Christ, so we give up. (Colossians 2:13-14)
- B. We think we're fine on our own, and others should be too, so we fight our battles alone. (2 Corinthians 2:5; (Matthew 27:51; Romans 15:7)
- C. We don't trust God to take care of us, so we are afraid. (Psalm 37:25; Daniel 3:17-18; Mark 8:35; Hebrews 13:5b)
- D. The gospel tells us that God is big enough to take anything thrown at us; that we are not alone and not meant to be alone; and that Christ will never forsake us.