

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE
A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST
Philippians 1:27-30

1. What conduct “worthy of the gospel” means.

Getting this right goes to the heart of the gospel.

“Worthy” here does NOT mean “deserving.”

What we sinners *deserve* from God is His *wrath and curse*.

THIS is what Jesus took on Himself in our place on the cross.

We can/will NEVER deserve what God GIVES us as a gift

- Jesus, His saving work, forgiveness & eternal life in Him.

Do you look to God for salvation from your sins,

trusting Christ & His saving work?

Yes? *Then* there is a proper response to God’s gift in Christ:

To strive to live in a way that says “Thank You” to God & Christ,
to live day by day so as to honor to Him.

This is what is meant by

“let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

See Ephesians 4:1 (heading for chapters 4-6), 1 Thess. 2:12.

This is also the key to understanding 1 Corinthians 11:27 and
partaking of the Lord’s Supper “in a worthy manner.”

2. What this entails (two applications)

Many specific applications could be made, but Paul has two in mind
in this letter – vital to the cause of Christ in that time:

a. Stand boldly for Christ against all opposition

When Christian believers do not cower before intimidation,
it shows the world a power it cannot understand – the power
of Jesus Christ, who has conquered the devil.

It shows them they are under God’s judgment.

b. Stand TOGETHER for Christ

In unity for Christ we strengthen each other and bear more effective
testimony to the world

3. What it requires

a. A grateful sense of the privilege of believing in & belonging to Christ
It really is a gift we do not deserve!

b. A grateful sense of the privilege that may be given to us to suffer on
behalf of the One who suffered, died, and triumphed for us.

Acts 5:41,

c. A grateful awareness that we share the conflict (warfare with sin,
the devil, the world) with the apostles, the martyrs throughout
history, and all our brethren around the world

... until Jesus comes again in His final triumph.