



Live As Worthy Citizens Philippians 1:27-30

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INTRODUCTION — How do you respond when God gives you something you don't want?

“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.” — v. 29

REVIEW — Let's remember what we learned in our study of vs. 1-26

Meet the Philippian Church (vs. 1-11)

Rejoicing in the Progress of the Gospel (vs.12-18a)

To Live Is Christ (vs. 18b-26)

LESSON — **Live As Worthy Citizens** 1:27-30

I. THE ONE EXHORTATION — **What Are We Asked To Do?** vs. 27-28

- The Terms

*“Only **conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, ...**” v. 27a*

- The Task

“... so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are...”

1. Make it your aim to **STAND** firmly with unflinching courage. v. 27b

“... **standing firm** in one **spirit**, ...”

2. Make it your aim to **STRIVE** faithfully together for the gospel. v. 27c

“... with **one mind** striving together for the **faith of the gospel**;...”

3. Make it your aim to **STOP** fearing your enemy. v. 28

“in no way **alarmed by your opponents**—which is a **sign of destruction for them**, but of **salvation for you**, and that too, **from God**.”

II. THE TWO EXPLANATIONS — Why Should We Do This? vs. 29-30

- Because suffering is a **PRIVILEGE**. v. 29

“For to you it has been **granted** for Christ’s sake, **not only to believe** in Him, but **also to suffer** for His sake, ...”

- Because suffering is a **PARTNERSHIP**. v. 30

“... experiencing the **same conflict** which you **saw in me**, and now hear to be **in me**.”

APPLICATION — What difference will this teaching make in my life?