

Conduct Worthy of the Church—Philippians 1:27-30

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Philippians 1:27-30.

B. Paul's apprehension towards the Philippian church is that they would show signs of defection in his absence.

C. Paul calls for integrity--conduct that matches the message.

II. The bottom line of church life is conducting oneself in a manner that is worthy of the gospel message.

III. The Philippian church insisted on being stubbornly Roman. (Acts 16)

A. They were conducting themselves as citizens of Rome.

B. Paul challenges them to conduct themselves as citizens of heaven and not of the passing world. (Hebrews 12:22-24)

IV. A citizen of heaven conducts himself in a manner worthy of the gospel.

A. We must live what we preach.

B. The good news is that we have been moved from darkness to light.

C. The gospel tells us that men have been transferred to new life.

D. The conduct of Christians should match this claim of life change.

V. Characteristics of a church that is behaving itself.

A. Standing.

1. The church must stand firm.

a. This means no compromise with the world or with sin. (Philippians 4:1)

b. This has to do with resisting the Devil. (Ephesians 6:11)

2. We are to stand in one spirit.

a. The church must maintain unity. (Philippians 2:1)

b. The key to unity is humility. Conflict is always the result of competing interest.

3. The church is to stand in one mind.

a. We are to have unity of purpose--the faith of the gospel.

b. The only way to have real unity is to have a real struggle.

B. Sharing.

C. Striving. We have to be aggressive in sharing truth to lazy minds today.

D. Suffering. Suffering is a gracious gift that assures us of salvation and strengthens the church among other things.

Application Questions:

1. What is the gospel message?

2. What does a Christian look like who is standing firm with one spirit and one mind?

3. What are you doing to share the gospel? What can you do to share better?
