

Philippians: Fellowship of the Gospel

Study 6: Only the Worthy will Stand

READ Philippians 1:27-30 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

1. How does 1:27 prepare the reader for what follows?
2. 'Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel' (ESV) can be translated 'Live out your citizenship in a worthy manor' (see 3:20). What does it mean to live as a citizen of Christ's kingdom, not just as a citizen of your country?
3. What does it mean to 'live worthy of the gospel'? (see Matt 3:8)
4. Paul uses military language to encourage gospel faithfulness. How is the Christian life like a war?
5. Read Phil 4:1 and 2 Thess 2:15. What does it mean to 'stand firm in one spirit' (v. 27)?

6. In what ways is suffering a gift 'granted' to the Christian and church? What benefits come from suffering?
7. How can you contribute to the church by standing together (v. 27), striving together (v. 27) and trusting together (vv. 28-30)?
8. The gospel is good news, but it is never easy news. How does the content of the gospel motivate you to live out the gospel?

STOP AND PRAY: according to the A.C.T.S. method

Adoration: Reflect on the rule and reign of Christ in all aspects of life.

Confession: Acknowledge and confess areas of your life that are driven by fear and anxiety.

Thanksgiving:

- ❖ Thank God for the local body that God has placed you in.
- ❖ Thank Him for individuals who have had an influence in your life in helping you to stand in, strive for and trust because of the gospel.
- ❖ Thank God for your current trials.

Supplication: Pray ...

- ❖ The Lord would reveal areas of your life that do not match your Christian profession.
- ❖ You would better know and apply the Word so that you may stand strong against false doctrines and unbiblical ideas.
- ❖ For opportunity to share the gospel with one person this week.