

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Are You a Good Citizen

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:27-30

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Philippians 1:27-30. According to Paul, what does it look like to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ? What are some of the defining characteristics of a worthy life Paul mentions in these verses?

See verse 27. The first part of this verse can be translated “Only behave *as citizens worthy of the gospel of Christ*”. Why does Paul describe Christians as “citizens”? How does this citizenship affect the way we live our lives?

What does it look like for Christians to stand firm in one spirit and one mind together? Why is it so important that we remain unified?

See verse 28. What effect does our confidence in Christ have on those who oppose us?

See verses 29-30. According to these two verses, what two gifts does God grant to Christians? What is unusual or surprising about them?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

In your own words, how would you describe what it means to be a citizen of Christ’s kingdom? How does our heavenly citizenship relate to our earthly citizenship?

What opposition do we face as the Church today? What are some of the most significant challenges we are up against? How can these challenges be met with courageous faith?

Have you been through seasons of suffering in your life that, in retrospect, you were actually glad you went through? If so, what did God do in your life during those seasons?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

How do we strive to maintain unity of spirit and mind with other Christians? Why can this be challenging at times? How do we pursue unity when we have disagreements of various kinds with other believers?

How can we find the confidence to be fearless in the face of opposition? How do we maintain our posture of confident faith when the opposition from the world seems overwhelming at times?

Why would a loving God deliberately give suffering to his people as a gift? How can we come to accept suffering as a gift from God? How can suffering be redemptive in our lives?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What might it look like for you to live as a citizen of Christ’s kingdom this week?