

## Paul and His Preaching (Philippians 1:27-30)

As Paul has spoken about his *prayer* life to God (Php 1:3-11) and his *perspective* about God and his life (Php 1:12-16) he now *preaches* about Godliness in the Christian life (Php 1:27-30). The Christian life is not playground but a battleground (Wiersbe). As it is approached with the right prayer life and perspective will drastically affect how we live a life of Godliness.

### I. Paul Preached about \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Living (v. 27)

#### A. There must be \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 3:20 For our conversation [*citizenship*] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the **Saviour**, the **Lord Jesus Christ**:

Paul was challenging the saints to be faithful in their \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.

**Wiersbe** – What we believe determines how we \_\_\_\_\_, and wrong belief ultimately means a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

#### B. There must be \_\_\_\_\_

1. In \_\_\_\_\_

2. In \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Paul Preached about \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Living (v. 28-30)

#### A. Opposition is a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28)

Matthew 10:28 And fear [*to put to flight / cause a response*] not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear **Him** which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Hebrews 13:5-6 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

Fearlessness in the face of opposition is \_\_\_\_\_. It is only by the grace of God that this can take place.

#### B. Opposition is a \_\_\_\_\_ (v.29-30)

1. Consider the gift of \_\_\_\_\_

cf. John 1:12-13; Ephesians 2:8; James 1:17-18

### 2. Consider the gift of \_\_\_\_\_

Paul continues to preach a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective. “*Set your affections on things above...*” (Col 3:2).

Cf. 1 Peter 2:19-21; Matthew 5:10-12

Keep in mind that the suffering saint is in good company. A right perspective is that suffering persecution is not a lonely event, even though it may seem like it at the time. The truth is that many have suffered this kind and worse persecution before us.

Cf. Acts 5:41

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of **God**, and joint-heirs with **Christ**; if so be that we suffer with *Him*, that we may be also glorified together.

#### Questions to help prepare for next Sunday’s message: (Php 2:1-4)

1. Read 2 Cor. 1:3-4, Eph. 6:21-22, and 1 Thes. 5:11. Through what means does Christ often communicate His comfort to His people?
2. Why is God’s love such a unifying factor to a group of believers?
3. What words would you use to describe the effects on relationships by those who show compassion or mercy?
4. How does thinking affect your actions?
5. How will those with an honest view of themselves see others?