

REJOICE

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PHILIPPIANS

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A WORTHY LIFE: THE BIG PICTURE

Philippians 2:12-18

NOTES:

Review:

1. Our goal: Live a life worthy of the gospel.

Phil. 1:27 *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,*

2. We have received all we need to live in a manner worthy of the gospel.

Phil. 2:1 *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

3. Jesus' example motivates and empowers this worthy manner of life.

Phil. 2:5 *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*

God Partners With Us in Our Progress as United and Worthy Servants (2:12-13)

1. The believer's role:

a. Develop a pattern of obedience.

Phil. 2:12a *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence,*

b. With humility, take seriously the responsibility that comes with salvation.

Phil. 2:12b *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,*

2. God's role: to initiate and enable the worthiness of our service. Be encouraged!

Phil. 2:13 *for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

A Manner of Life Worthy of the Gospel is Seen in...(2:14-18)

1. ...our humble unity.

Phil. 2:14 *Do all things without grumbling or disputing,*

2. ...our clear and compelling example.

Phil. 2:15 *that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

3. ...our mutual faithfulness - resulting in honor.

Phil. 2:16 *holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.*

4. ...our fellowship of joy even in the face of shared suffering.

Phil. 2:17 *Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Take time this week to reflect on Philippians 1:27-2:18. In your own words make a list of characteristics describing a life worthy of the gospel. How are you doing in these areas? How can you better partner with God in order to progress in these areas?

2) Paul clearly communicates the importance of unity and genuine fellowship. What personal benefits have you experienced from your time as a member of our church family? In what ways can you get more involved?

SONGS

GOD SO LOVED
WE CROWN YOU
HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US
GOODNESS OF GOD

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$35,622.53
Weekly Need: \$39,480.00

YTD Giving: \$164,076.20
YTD General Need: \$197,400.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (2/4/25): \$206,120.11

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