“Only Conduct Yourselves In A Manner Worthy of the Gospel of Christ”

**Philippians 1:27** Sunday September 3, 2023 Pastor Timothy Atkins

## INTRODUCTION READ Philippians 1:1-30

All that the message of the Gospel proclaims and means, calls us to be

 salvation, reconciliation, and transformation

1. Choose To Live Your Life in A Manner Worthy of the Gospel

PERSONAL DIRECTION cf. 1:5, 7, 12, 16

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ”

choice made by you because of the change within you by His grace, so that the Gospel is lived in my life as a testimony of the salvation by God

* first command in this epistle [verses 27-30 one sentence]
* living together with a people with responsibilities of belonging there
1. Standing In Unity with Others in the Gospel PRESENT ACTION

“that you are standing firm in one spirit . . .” cf. 4:1

Standing Firm for the Gospel “unyielding in battle” imagery of soldiers

1. Striving for Partnership with Others with the Gospel

“with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel”

 PRESENT PARTICIPATION cf. Philippians 2:1-5; 3:12-14

Striving Together for the Gospel “undivided in strategy”imagery of athletics

Only (since my only reason for remaining on earth is for your progress in the Christian life), see to it that you recognize your responsibility as citizens (of heaven), and put yourselves to the absolute necessity of performing the duties devolving upon you in that position, doing this in a manner which is befitting to the gospel of Christ, in order that whether having come and having seen you, or whether being absent I am hearing the things concerning you, namely, that you are standing firm in one spirit, holding your ground, with one soul contending (as a team of athletes would) in perfect co-operation with one another for the faith of the gospel [Wuest Translation]

CONCLUSION READ Philippians 3:17-21

* The power of the Gospel should be demonstrated in our conduct together
* Confess sins in our lives hindering the Gospel ministry and testimony
* Strengthen our partnership & fellowship we have in the Gospel together

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