



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Living Worthy: The Call to Kingdom Conduct**
Series: **The Radical Guide to Joy**
Text: **Philippians 1:27-30**
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*“Now I want you to know, brothers, that **what has happened to me** has actually served to advance the gospel.” (Philippians 1:12)*

HOW TO LIVE CHRIST in a DIVIDED CULTURE?

1. LIVE AS CITIZENS OF _____

*“Whatever happens, **conduct yourselves in a manner worthy** of the gospel of Christ.” (Phil. 1:27)*

*The NIV’s “**conduct yourselves**” fails to capture the full force of this imperative. What Paul literally commands is, “**live as citizens**” (politeusthe) or **live out your citizenship**.*

*– “But **our citizenship is in heaven**. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Phil. 3:20)*

*“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but **fellow citizens with God’s people** and also members of his household.” (Ephesians 2:19)*

*And we pray this in order that **you may live a life worthy of the Lord** and **may please him in every way**: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, (Col 1:10).*

You have at least two passports in your pocket?

_____ Citizenship and _____ Citizenship

2. STAND _____ AND STRIVE _____

*“...that you **stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together** as one for **the faith of the gospel, without being frightened** in any way by those who oppose you...” (Phil. 1:27b-28)*

- _____—hold the line. The Spirit Himself is our unity (“in one Spirit”), and “one soul” describes our shared purpose.
- _____—the word evokes athletes or soldiers: shoulder-to-shoulder effort. We contend for the faith of the gospel—to preserve its integrity and advance its message.
- _____—don’t “spook” like startled horses. A non-anxious church preaches with its posture.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. *There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* ([Eph. 4:3-6](#))

3. EMBRACE _____ AS A GRACE

*This is **a sign to them** that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.* (Php 1:28).

- Your steadfast unity and courage become a _____: **a warning of judgment** to opposition and **an assurance of salvation** to believers—and all of it from God.

*For it has been **granted to you on behalf of Christ** not only to believe on him, **but also to suffer for him**, since **you are going through the same struggle** you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.* (Php 1:29–30).

- Astonishingly, both faith and suffering for Christ are gracious gifts. **Paul does not glorify _____** he **magnifies the God** who redeems it when it comes from allegiance to Jesus.

*Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that **you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation**, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life.* (Php 2:14–16).

CONCLUSION:

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

**Live. Stand. Strive. Suffer.
And do it all worthy of the gospel of Christ.**