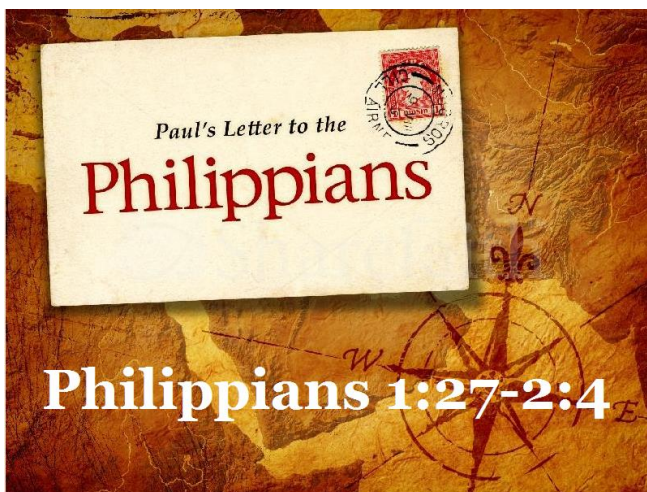




Paul urges the Philippians to remain firm in one spirit and to strive for the faith of the gospel. He reminds them that they were called to believe and suffer for Christ and to experience the conflict that comes in regard to the truth. He calls on the Philippians to remain united, avoid selfishness and empty conceit, and maintain humility of mind.

- Preview Introduction
- Conduct Worthy Philippians 1:27-30
- Unity Through Humility Philippians 2:1-4



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Philippians 2:2

TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES	APPLICATIONS
Our citizenship is in heaven.	Set your mind on things above; contemplate your heavenly home.
We are ambassadors for Christ.	The world is not our home. We are representing our King in a foreign land. Live your life as a royal representative in a hostile land.
Joy is based on attitudes and relationships.	We are to love God and love one another. We need to have an attitude of love and share in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Joy is an internal, eternal feeling rooted in your relationship with God.	Cultivate the qualities of joy that include Unity, Humility and Concern for others.



1. What should be worthy of the gospel (1:27)? _____
2. Paul admonishes the believers to stand fast in what (1:27)? _____
3. What is the “proof of perdition” (1:28)? _____
4. What has been granted to believers on behalf of Christ (1:29)? _____
5. What conflict is Paul referring to (1:30)? _____
6. What is the “fellowship of the Spirit” (2:1)? _____
7. What would fulfill Paul’s joy (2:2)? _____
8. How should our actions be performed and how should we treat others (2:3)? _____
9. Whose interests are we to look after (2:4)? _____

Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Study Questions

1. Read **PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30** and concentrate on your heavenly citizenship.
 - ❖ In what ways do believers manifest that they are good citizens of heaven?
 - ❖ In what ways do you manifest that you are a good citizen of heaven?
 - ❖ What practical ways can you improve as a citizen of heaven?
2. The aim of heavenly citizenship is steadfast living on planet earth.
 - ❖ In what ways should we stand in unity?
 - Are there times when unity is not appropriate?
 - ❖ In what ways should we stand in single purpose?
 - In what specific area can you improve?
 - ❖ In what ways should we stand without fear?
 - In what specific area can you improve?
 - ❖ In what ways should we stand in suffering?
 - In what specific area can you improve?
3. Read **PHILIPPIANS 2:1-40** and reflect on Joy as an outgrowth of attitude and relationships.
 - ❖ How can you be encouraged by your relationship with Christ?
 - How can you encourage others?
 - ❖ How can you be comforted in the love of Christ?
 - How can you comfort others?
 - ❖ How can you fellowship in the Holy Spirit?
 - How can you fellowship with others?