

Bethel Baptist Church
A Gospel Centered Perspective on Citizenship: Living Out the Gospel
Philippians 1:27-2:2
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- I. The opportunity to display the Gospel (27)
 - A. The necessity of ethical living
 - 1. It has a direct bearing on others
 - 2. It has a direct bearing on the Gospel
 - a. The personal reality
 - b. The partnership reality
 - 1. The nature of our cooperation
 - 2. The necessity of our cause
 - B. The nature of evangelistic living (28-30)
 - 1. The enemy of faith
 - 2. The expression of faith
 - 3. The explanation of faith
 - 4. The example of faith
- II. The oneness for displaying the Gospel (2:1-2)
 - A. The motivations for unity
 - B. The manifestations of unity

Discussion Questions

1. What did you hear?
2. What is the "Gospel?"

As Paul uses the phrase "faith of the Gospel," in Philippians 1:27-30, is the Gospel more than just the record of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

3. What are some everyday areas where believers are tempted to be a little less than "ethical?"
4. How should the Gospel impact our thinking about every day living?

What is the connection between doing right in everyday matters and the Gospel?

5. What is the connection between creating an environment where we can share the Gospel and consistently living out what we believe?
6. How does opposition typically affect people?

7. Why do you think that the current moral discussions taking place in our culture are set in the context of "rights" and "fairness?"

How does framing the discussion this way impact the perception of who is a "victim" or "powerless?"

What bearing do you think this has on the average person's response to the discussion?

8. As we find ourselves in an increasingly hostile moral and ethical environment, why is it important that the church be a place of spiritual encouragement?

In light of the vast controversies we face outside, how should we view our differences inside?

9. Paul said our relationships provide us with “encouragement in Christ, comfort from love, participation in the Spirit, and affection and sympathy.”

Can you share any examples of times when you were struggling and God provided you with this type of help and encouragement through a fellow believer?

How should a passage like this impact the importance that we place on building relationships in the church?

10. What kind of impact ought a passage like this have on our mindset about whether or not strife in the Church is ok?

How should this truth cause us to respond to those who would stir up strife?