

Christian Conduct  
*Philippians 1:27-2:4*

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**I. Ambassadors for Christ. *Philippians 1:27***

"The Christian life is not a playground, it is a \_\_\_\_\_." (Wiersbe)

- The King of Heaven has a message that needs to be delivered, and Paul said \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ are to deliver that message as though God were pleading through them. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

Ambassadors are representatives who remember the honor and reputation of their homeland with their \_\_\_\_\_.

- The enemy's goal is to divide and conquer the Church. Paul said his desire was for Christians to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the essentials of the faith while their **conduct** was **worthy of the Gospel**.

**II. Behalf of Christ. *Philippians 1:28-30***

The Apostle Paul was saying, "Don't panic and remember who you are in Christ, and more importantly remember that God is in \_\_\_\_\_."

- Paul says it **has been granted to us on behalf of Christ** not only to believe but to suffer for Him as well. The word **granted** can be translated as \_\_\_\_\_.

Notice the caveat in **Matthew 5:10**: the **blessing** is for those who are persecuted for \_\_\_\_\_ sake.

**III. Like-minded believers. *Philippians 2:1-2***

The secret to maintaining peace within the body of Christ happens by all of its members having a \_\_\_\_\_ focus.

- We should take these rhetorical questions in **Philippians 2:1** as a \_\_\_\_\_ test to see how we are doing as a body of believers.

"To be gospel oriented is to be \_\_\_\_\_ oriented." (R. Kent Hughes)

**IV. Look out for the interests of others. *Philippians 2:3-4***

As followers of Christ, we must always check the \_\_\_\_\_ of our hearts and constantly ask ourselves why we do what we do.

- The way to true joy in the life of a Christian can be explained by using the acrostic for joy: Jesus, others, and then \_\_\_\_\_.

Believers are to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with each other as we are led by the Holy Spirit's comfort, fellowship, tenderness, compassion, love, and purpose, while discovering our motivation for our actions.

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Read **Philippians 1:27** and **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**. Discuss what an ambassador's function is to their homeland. *How are Christians ambassadors of Christ? What conduct is worthy of the Gospel? **Matthew 5:16, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 4:1, Ephesians 5:8, Colossians 1:10, 1 John 1:7***
2. Read **Philippians 1:28**. *Who are Christians' true adversaries? Who is the main adversary? Why is this important to remember? Why did Paul tell the Philippians not to fear? **Exodus 14:14, Joshua 10:8, Ephesians 6:11-12, 1 Peter 5:8***
3. Discuss the essential, historic Christian beliefs: the deity of Christ Jesus being fully God and fully man, the virgin birth of Christ, salvation by God's grace alone through faith in Christ alone and not by works, the bodily resurrection of Christ, the Gospel, the fact that man must be born again, and the Holy Trinity. **Isaiah 7:14, John 3:3, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, Ephesians 2:8-9, Colossians 2:9**
4. Read **Philippians 1:29-30**. *What gift did Paul say the Lord gifted to His followers? How do we usually receive this gift? **Matthew 5:10, John 15:20, John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:10-12***
5. Read **Philippians 2:1-2**. *What did Rich say "the secret to maintaining peace within the body of Christ" was (point III. of the sermon note sheet)? Discuss the rhetorical questions Paul mentioned in **Philippians 2:1**.*
6. Read **Philippians 2:3-4**. Discuss what Paul said about selfish ambition and conceit verses having the lowliness of mind and considering others.
7. Discuss the practical application of the sermon.