## **OVERVIEW BRIEF**

- A Life-Bearing Banner
- A Radiant Spirit-Life Signature
- Steadfast Amidst Kindred Conflict



The opening keynote holy admonition of **verse 27** commands and stresses to us the imperative of the spirit-driven conduct of our daily life in the public sphere where we reside.

Thus, we have a heavenly mandate to openly and authentically live in a manner that demonstrates the supernatural, soultransforming life witness of regeneration in the public sphere.

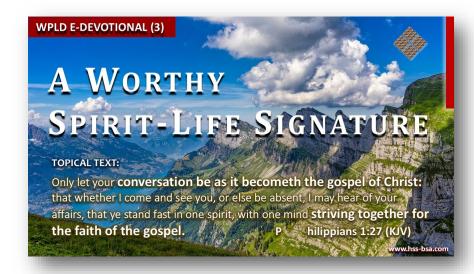
Just a the Philippi citizenry (i.e., a Roman Colony) were expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the manners, customs and laws of Rome; so too, we are (Christ followers) expected to allow the indwelling Spirit of God to "live out" or direct our behavior in a manner worthy (axios) of the Gospel Light of Christ Jesus that has delivered (from the dominion of sin) and transformed our souls (**Col. 1:13**).

Likewise, given this divine surety, as Apostle Paul also charged the Colossian fellowship in **1:10**, every generation of Christ follower are charged with the inescapable responsibility to: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Therefore, we must promptly recognize that to our full compliance with this holy mandate entails both our clear recognition of that which is required, and our complete commitment to submissively yield our lives to all that which is required.

Note again, as was intentionally featured as a key inspired element in the prayer petition that was rendered on their (our) behalf, the holy Apostle indicated that their actions should befittingly rise to meet the holy standard by which all that have been graciously called out" have been summoned, name: "as it becometh the gospel of Christ;" or rather, "in a manner worth of the Gospel."

This spirit-life posture also entails remaining steadfast and courageously resolved amidst inevitable encounters of fierce confrontation and formidable rivaling challenge to "the faith."



## **SELECTED TEXT:**

Philippians 1:27-30; 2 Corinthians 3:2 (KJV)

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

<sup>28</sup> And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and

that of God.

- <sup>29</sup> For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake:
- <sup>30</sup> Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

<sup>2</sup> CORINTHIANS 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

## WHAT GOSPEL LIGHT DO THEY SEE IN YOU?

You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day; by the deeds that you do and the words that you say. Men read what you write, whether faithful or true. Just what is the Gospel according to you?

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