

WEEK #9 (December 4th) • In Christ
We Strive For The Same Mind And The Same Love
Philippians 1:27-2:11

1. What does it mean for something to be “worthy of the gospel of Christ,” and how can a man or woman possibly “let [their] manner of life” be so worthy (1:27)?
2. Practically speaking, what does it mean to stand firm “in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel” (1:27)? Where would we even begin to accomplish such a feat?
3. What should we make of Paul’s words in 1:28?
4. “For it has been granted to you...” What do we learn about Paul’s perspective by the way he begins 1:29?
5. Why would God allow his redeemed children to “suffer for his sake” (1:29-30)?
6. How would you break down and summarize Paul’s preface in 2:1:
 - ▶ So if there is any encouragement in Christ -
 - ▶ any comfort from love -
 - ▶ any participation in the Spirit -
 - ▶ any affection and sympathy -
7. In what way would unity of mind, love and purpose on the part of the Philippians “complete” Paul’s joy (2:2)?
8. How do men and women who are “of Christ” sometimes slip into the mire of rivalry and conceit (2:3)? Why must we avoid these pitfalls, and where do we begin?
9. Why is it so difficult to consistently look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others (2:4)?
10. What is accomplished by pointing us to the example of Christ Jesus in 2:5-11?