

**To Live Is Christ To Die Is Gain**  
**A Study Of Philippians**  
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**Key Verse(s):** 1:27-30<sup>1</sup>

- **Note:** Acts 16 tells us what the Philippians saw, that Paul had (referenced in Phil. 1:30)
- Acts 16:16-18 tells of the girl who had a spirit of divination in her
- Acts 16:19-24 – the masters react by fighting against the gospel and having Paul drug to the marketplace to accuse him.
  - The girl is healed, and the owners lose their profits.

**Key Themes:**

- Partnership<sup>2</sup>
  - 1:5
  - 1:7
  - 2:1
  - 3:10
  - 4:14
  - 4:15
- Gospel mindset<sup>3</sup>
  - 2:5 – every Christian already has a gospel mindset
  - This mindset looks like selfless sacrifice AND suffering **for the sake of the gospel.**
- Suffering for the gospel
  - 3:10 – share (partner) in Christ’s sufferings  
Christians have not yet arrived at their destination. They press on, eagerly awaiting Christ’s return.  
We do not shy away from, but we share in Christ’s sufferings, as we press on.

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<sup>1</sup> Verse 27’s, “...let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel” has to do with citizenship. Make sure you understand Paul is exhorting the Philippians to gospel citizenship. There is one main verb – “standing firm” – and the 2 participles are, “striving side by side” and “not frightened” (being unafraid) of the opposition.

Paul wants the Philippians to stand firm in the gospel, behaving as gospel citizens. The two secondary points are: stand firm *side by side* in the gospel and *be unafraid of the opposition as we stand firm*.

Note: Paul talks about *citizenship* again in 3:20-21 and *standing firm* in 4:1.

<sup>2</sup> Partnership affirms an active, energetic, contending

<sup>3</sup> Mindset: What we think is important or precious to us.

### **Gospel Connections:**

- The gospel is throughout the entire letter. However, it is especially clear in 2:5-11.

### **Week # 1:** Overview of the book of Philippians

1. Who is Paul?
2. The occasion for the book.
3. Where is Paul, when writing this book?
4. The theme of the book.
5. Is this really a book on joy?
6. Hope for CBC as we make our way through this book.

**Week #2:** Philippians 1:1-6

**Week #3:** Philippians 1:7-11

**Week #4:** Philippians 1:12-18

**Week #5:** Philippians 1:18-26

**Week #6:** Philippians 1:27-30

**Week #7:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Week #8:** Philippians 2:12-18

**Week #9:** Philippians 2:19-30

**Week #10:** Philippians 3:1-11

**Week #11:** Philippians 3:12-21

**Week #12:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Week #13:** Philippians 4:2-3

**Week #14:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Week #15:** Philippians 4:8-9

**Week #16:** Philippians 4:10-13

**Week #17:** Philippians 4:14-22