



-- Joy is a supernatural delight in the Person, people, and purposes of God.

**Big Idea: Joy is the product of Christ-centered conduct.**

-- **“Conduct yourselves...”**

-- This phrase means “to conduct oneself as a faithful citizen.”

-- More than striving to be citizens of Rome, Paul commands the church to live as citizens of **Heaven** (Philippians 3:20).

-- **“...in a manner worthy of the Gospel...”**

-- We are urged here to live our lives in a way that demonstrates the great worth of the Gospel.

-- It means little to say the Gospel is worthy if our lives don’t prove it.

-- *How do we conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel?*

**Commit**

**I.) Commit to stand firm in **Godliness**.**

-- **Consistent godliness responds to the Gospel, not **Circumstances**.**

-- *“Whatever happens...”*

- Don't let the temporary trials of this life take your focus off of the eternal triumph of the Gospel.
- **Consistent conduct aims to please God, not *People*.**
  - *"whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence..."*
  - Our conduct should not be determined by our company (Gal. 1:10).
  - Conduct worthy of the Gospel has an audience of **One** (2 Cor. 5:9-10, Ephesians 4:30).

## 2.) Commit to stand firm against *Satan*.

- *"...standing firm..."* = "to stand a post and not give it up"
- Conduct worthy of the Gospel means standing firm against the relentless schemes of evil (Ephesians 6:11-18).
- *Are you engaged in this battle, or is your daily life saying that the Gospel isn't really worth it?*

## 3.) Commit to stand firm for *Unity*.

- *"...in one spirit... as one man..."*
- Conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel requires commitment to a local body of believers.
- It is impossible to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel without a complete commitment to unity in the church.

**Contend**

**Next Week!**