

Conduct Worthy Of The Gospel

Paul wrote in 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.*" In order to be saved, one must have conduct that "*becometh the gospel.*"

The fact that Paul had to exhort the Philippians to good behavior implies that there is behavior that is not worthy of the gospel. When we are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, we put off the "*old man*" of sin and put on the "*new man*" of righteousness (Ephesians 4:22-24). This means that we will no longer be a slave of sin and that sin will no longer have dominion over us (John 8:34; Romans 6:14).

In a practical fashion, being "*worthy of the gospel*" demands that we stop committing sins such as idolatry, fornication, adultery, jealousy, lying, cheating, stealing, heresy, etc. (Galatians 5:19-21). Instead, our lives will bear fruit in such ways as attendance at worship assemblies, giving, praying, helping the poor, love, peace, meekness, gentleness, etc. (Galatians 5:22-23).

So what do you want for yourself? Which list of activities above best describes what you do every day? Is your behavior worthy of the One who died for your sins? If it is, you are to be commended and exhorted to continue. If it is not, you need to repent and bring forth good fruit (Acts 17:30-31; Matthew 3:8). Contact us for a detailed study on what the Bible has revealed concerning your salvation.

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