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Walk Worthy of the Gospel Pt. 2

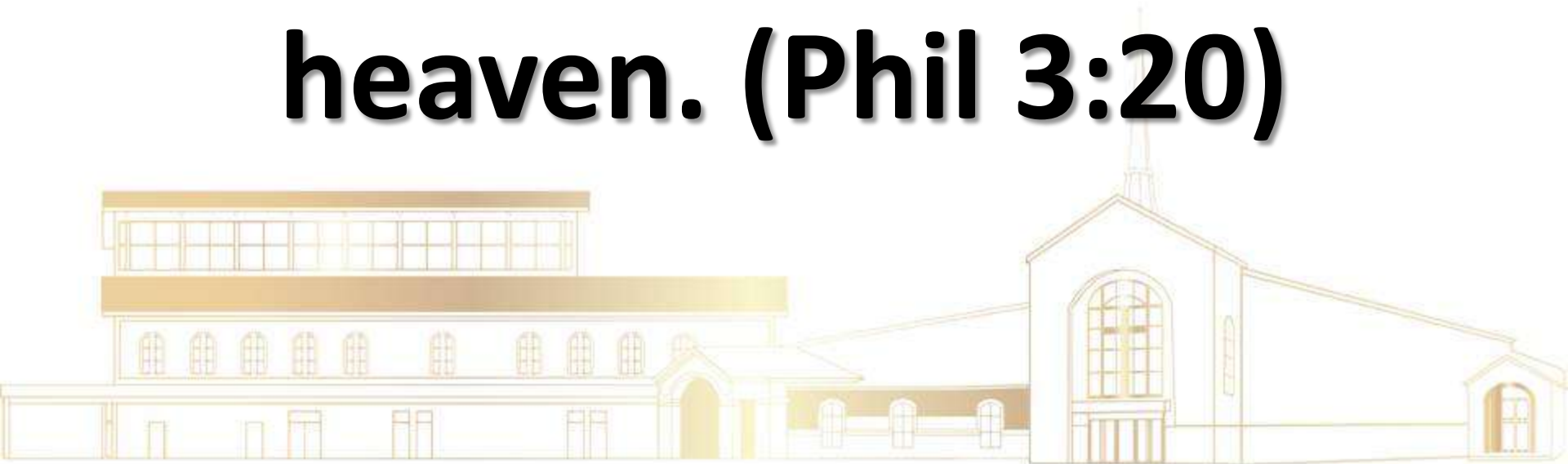
Philippians 1:27



**Last week we did the work
of laying out the case that
Paul is telling each of us to
live in a manner that reflects
our knowledge that we are
citizens of the kingdom of
Christ (God).**



**Paul's focus in this verse
is how we conduct
ourselves as citizens of
heaven. (Phil 3:20)**





Philippians 3:20

- For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:

citizenship

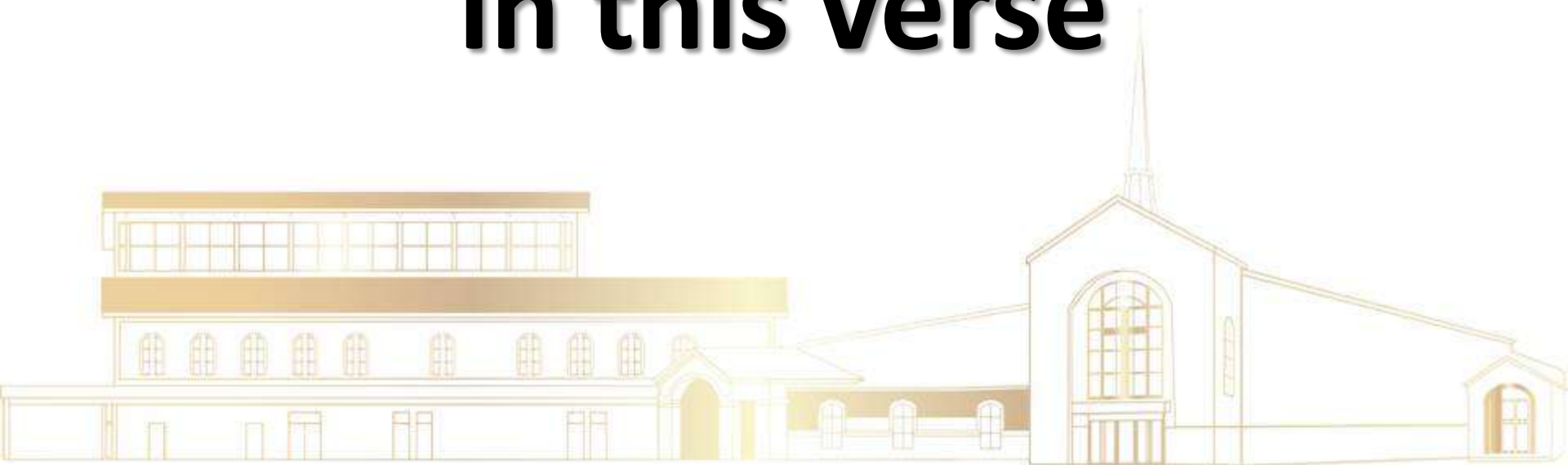


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**Notice the dualistic
reference to the gospel
in this verse**



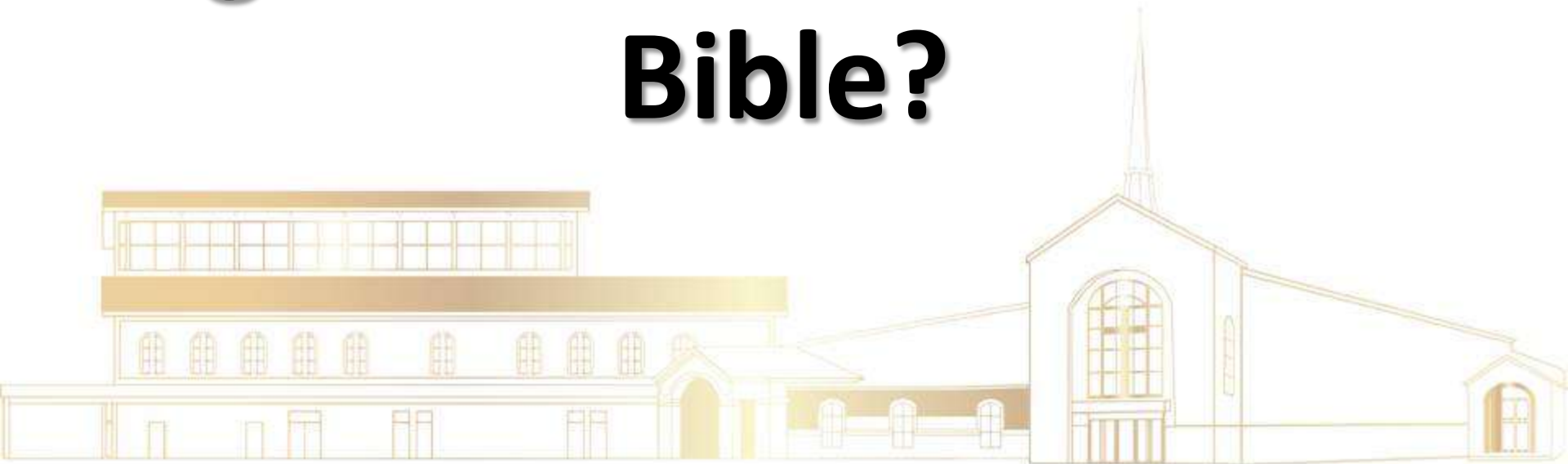


Phil 1:27 (ESV)

- **Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,** so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side **for the faith of the gospel,**

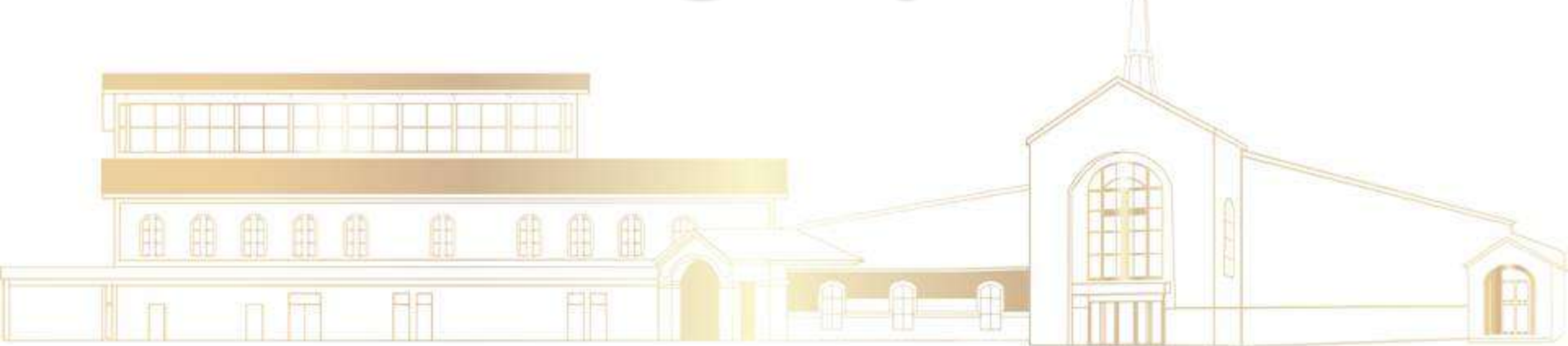
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**Why does Paul tell us
that the gospel is what
guides us and not the
Bible?**



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**What does it mean
to walk worthy of
the gospel?**



Values

> a person's principles or standards of behavior

> the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something



Our Values

We Are Committed To Excellence Through:

- **Patient-Centeredness:** Putting our patients' interests first, providing unsurpassed service, with an emphasis on safety and quality outcomes.
- **Integrity:** All that we say and do is founded in honesty, openness and respect.
- **Cultural Diversity:** Respecting our community's multicultural diversity in our daily operations and practices.
- **Innovation:** Encouraging creativity, embracing change, continual learning and personal empowerment.
- **Teamwork:** Embracing a variety of opinions and being mutually supportive in achieving our vision.
- **Accountability:** To our community, our organization and to each other for our individual and organizational performance and behaviors.

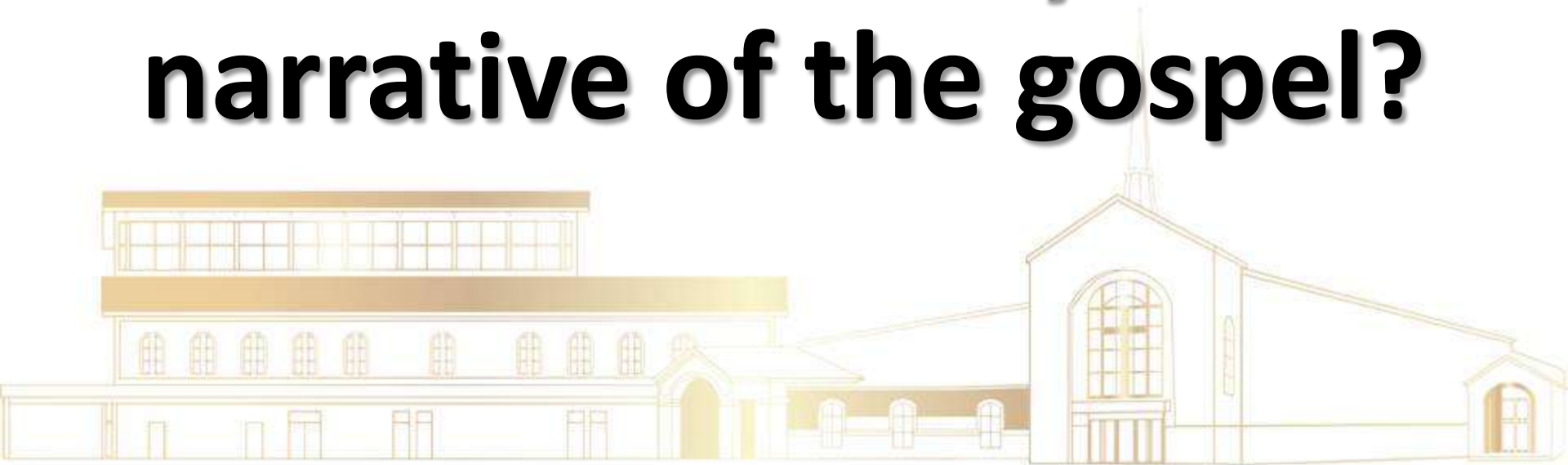
A photograph of six soldiers in camouflage uniforms standing on a hill with yellow flowers. The soldiers are holding rifles and are looking in various directions. The sky is overcast.

ARMY VALUES

**Gospel (or Kingdom)
Values**

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**Now we ask:
What values do we see
when we study the
narrative of the gospel?**



The Narrative Includes

Departure from Heaven

Divine Confinement in Humanity

Miraculous Conception

Sinless Perfection

Crucifixion

Victory over death

Uber-generosity

Satisfaction of Justice and God's Wrath



#1 We See

Christ-like Love

Romans 5:8 (AV)

But God commendeth his love toward
us, in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.



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**We absolutely and
unequivocally see that
the #1 Gospel Value is
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE**



2 Kingdom Commandments

Are:

- Love God
- Love your neighbor as yourself



Modesty
Moral Purity
Integrity
Work Ethic
ETC.

ALL take a backseat to
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE



Christ-like Love

Includes Being

- Kind
- Gracious
- Merciful
- Tender
- Patient



#2 We See

Ubergenerosity

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he
gave his **ONE AND ONLY** son...



According to Paul

Jesus said:

It is more blessed
to give than to receive.
(Acts 20:35)



Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

Eternal Life (Romans 6:23)

Salvation (Ephesians 2:9)

Justification (Romans 3:24)

Repentance (Acts 11:18)

Faith to Believe (Phil 1:29)

Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor. 12:1)



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**To walk worthy of the
gospel is to crush the
spirit of selfishness and
embrace a life of giving.**



#3 We See

Unconditional Forgiveness

Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them;**
for they know not what they do.



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**To walk worthy of the
Gospel means that we are
characterized by authentic
unconditional forgiveness
when men sin against us.**



Matthew 6:14-15

For if you forgive others their
trespasses, your heavenly
Father will also forgive you,
but if you do not forgive others
their trespasses, neither will
your Father forgive your
trespasses.



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**Directly tied to the
value of unconditional
forgiveness is the value
of reconciliation.**



#4 We See

Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19 (ESV)

that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.



Reconcile

to restore to friendship
or harmony

Merriam-Webster

**Reconciliation is more
than I forgive him.**



Romans 5:10 (ESV)

For if while we were enemies
we **were reconciled to**
God by the death of his Son,
much more, now that we are
reconciled, shall we be saved
by his life.



2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)

All this is from God, who
through Christ reconciled
us to himself and gave us
the ministry of
reconciliation;



Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

AV

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.





Gospel Values

- Christ-like Love
- Generosity
- Unconditional Forgiveness
- Reconciliation

All to the Glory of God.

#5 We See

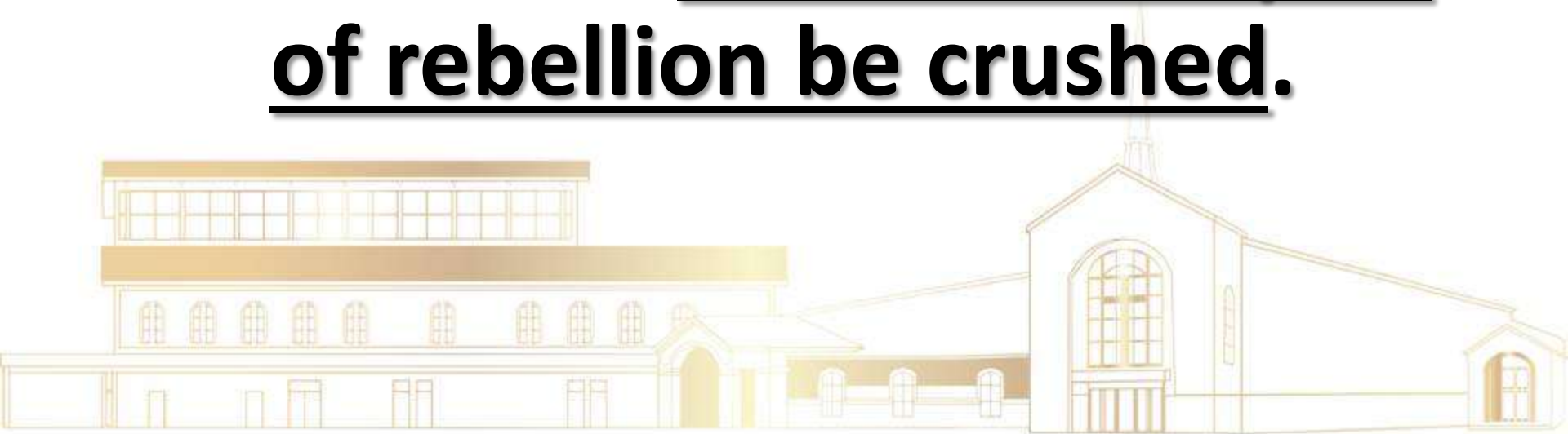
Christ submitting to the Father

John 6:38 (ESV)

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.



**In the same way that the
sinful spirit of selfishness
must be crushed in the life of
the believer so must the spirit
of rebellion be crushed.**





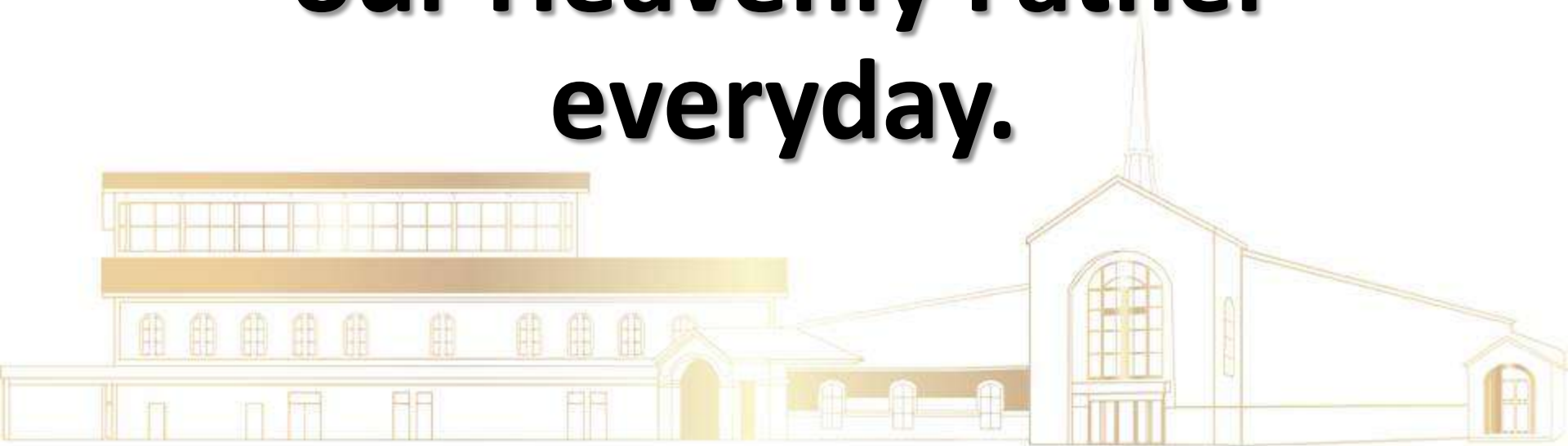
Luke 22:42

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: **nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**



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**To walk worthy of the
gospel means that we are
striving to do the will of
our Heavenly Father
everyday.**



He is Lord

He is Lord

He has risen from the grave

And He is Lord!

**Every knee shall bow and
every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord!**



Value # 5

**Is Submissive Obedience
to the Lord and extends to
all God-ordained authority
figures in our life.**



Romans 13:1

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

Ephesians 5:21

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Colossians 3:22

Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters,

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them,



1 Peter 3:1 (ESV)

Likewise, **wives, be subject to your own husbands**, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives,



He, Christ,

Left the glories of heaven

Took on the form of a servant

Lived a Perfect Life

Was Crucified

So that we could be
made righteous



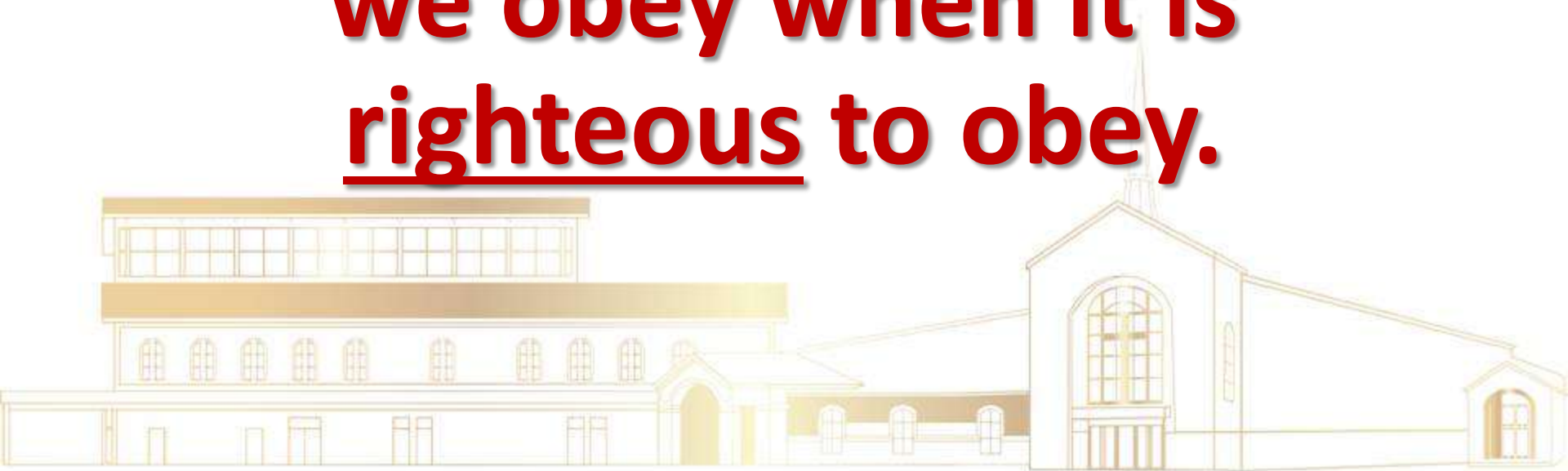
2 Corinthians 5:21

For he [God] hath made him
[Jesus] *to be* sin for us [believers],
[Jesus] who knew no sin; that
we [believers] might be made the
righteousness of God in him
[Christ].



Let's Clarify

**We are NOT obeying for
the sake of obeying—
we obey when it is
righteous to obey.**



#6 We See

Self-Denial

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow me.



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**Self-denial for the sake of
self-denial is
meaningless—believers
deny themselves to serve
others.**



Mark 10:45 (ESV)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



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**Christians are NOT Stoics—
we deny ourselves
to serve others
to the Glory of God.**





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- Reconciliation
- Submissive Obedience
- Self-Denial to Serve

All to the Glory of God.

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**When I am conducting
myself worthy of the
gospel—
others come first.**



#7 We See

Compassion

The gospel value of Compassion flows out of Christ-like Love and is directly tied to a spirit of giving.



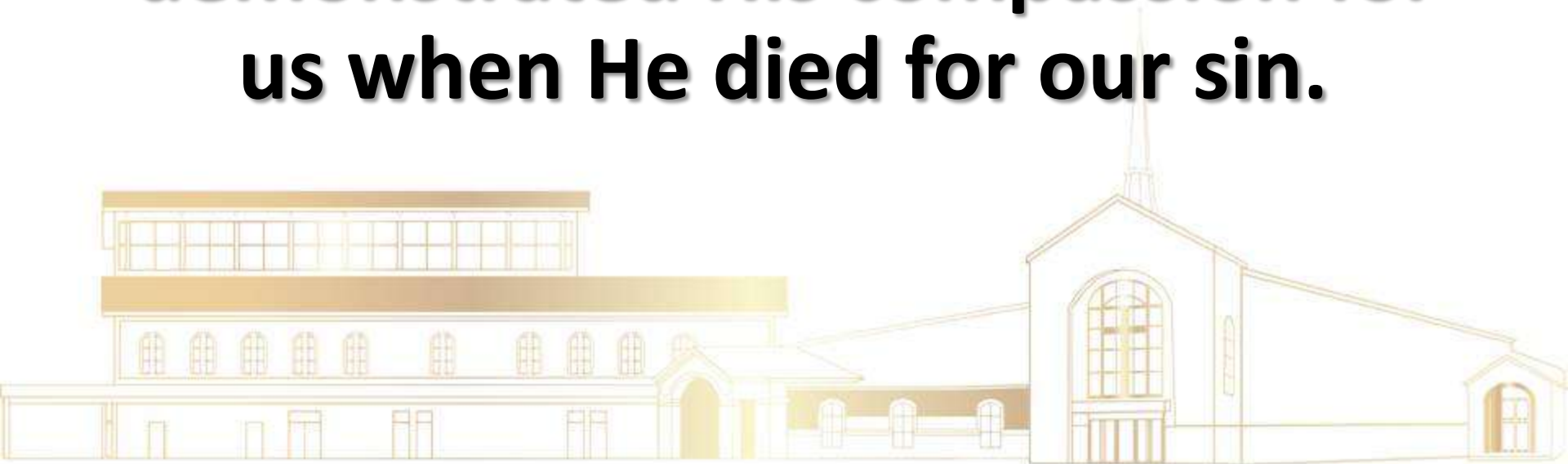
Compassion

sympathetic consciousness of
others' distress together
with a desire to
alleviate it

Merriam-Webster



**Our distress is that our sin
alienates us from a holy and
righteous God and Christ
demonstrated His compassion for
us when He died for our sin.**





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#8 We See

Humility

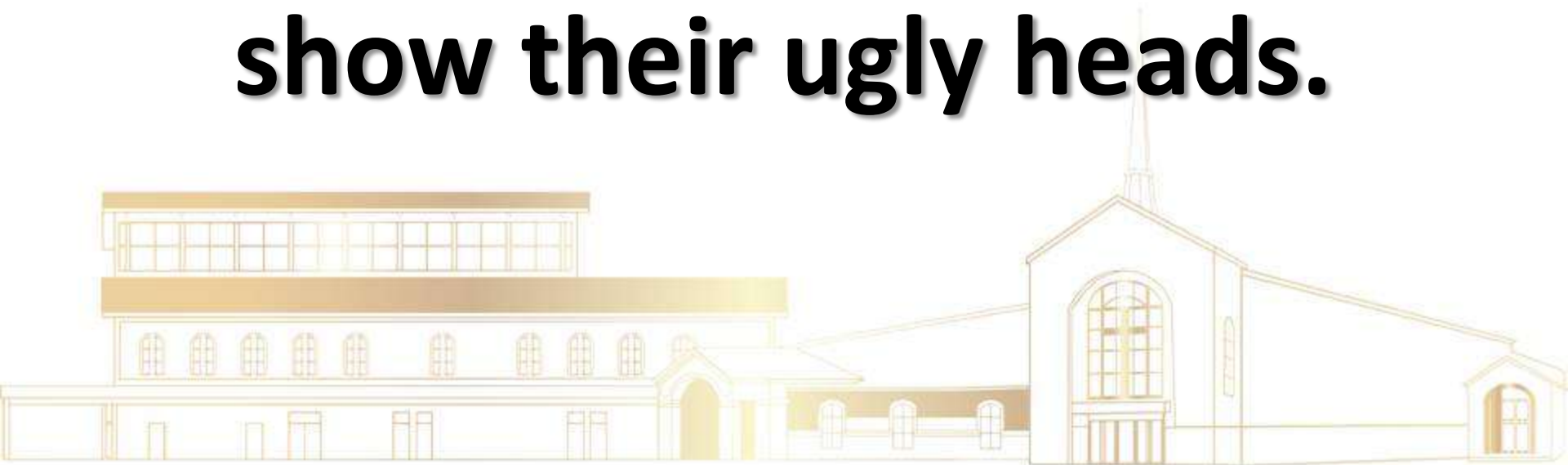
Philippians 2:8

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.



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**To be humble we must
crush pride, arrogance and
self-love whenever they
show their ugly heads.**





To walk worthy of the gospel

I must crush the mole of:

- Rudeness
- Selfishness
- Rebellion
- Laziness
- Arrogance (aka pride)
- Apathy





Gospel Values

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