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Walk Worthy of the Gospel Pt. 2

Philippians 1:27

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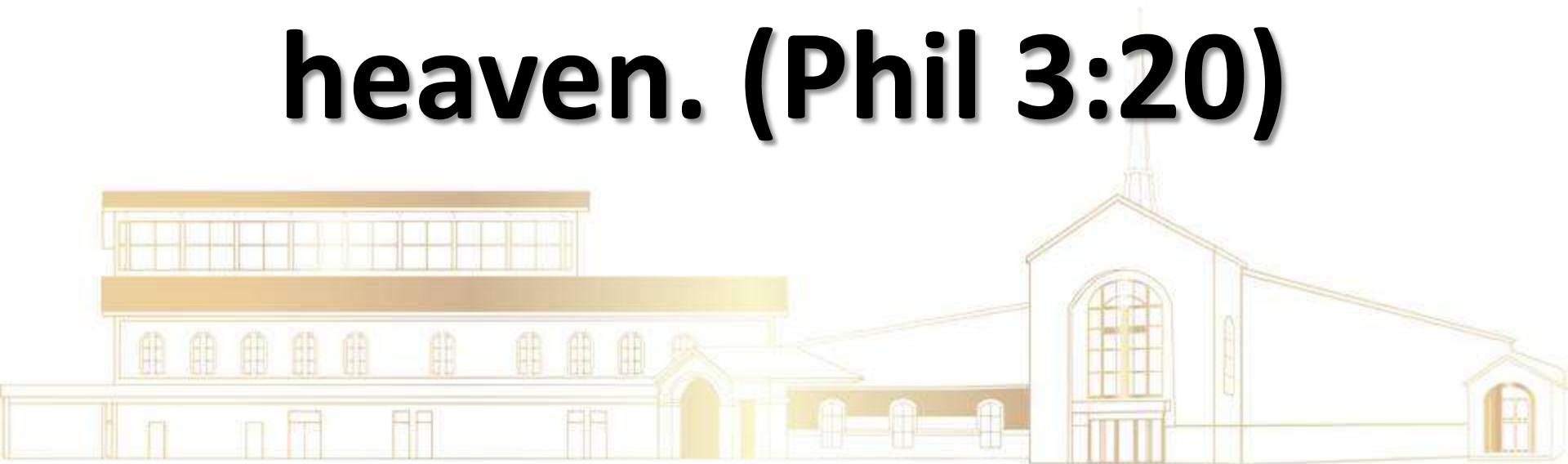
Last week we did the work of laying out the case that Paul is telling each of us to live in a manner that reflects our knowledge that we are citizens of the kingdom of Christ (God).

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**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**



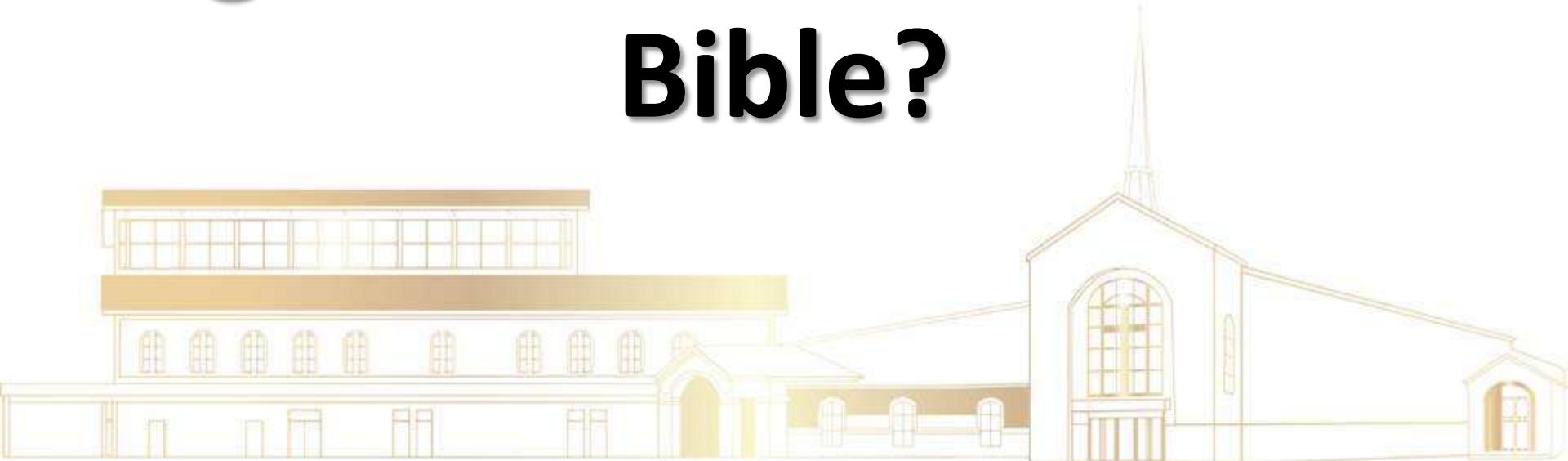


Phil 1:27 (ESV)

•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,

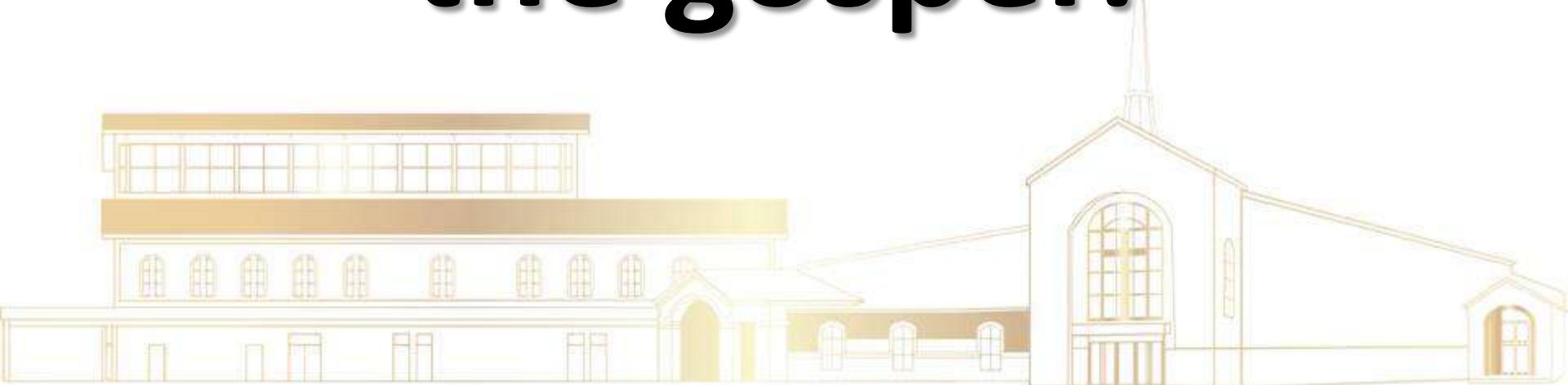
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**Why does Paul tell us
that the gospel is what
guides us and not the
Bible?**



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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

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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.

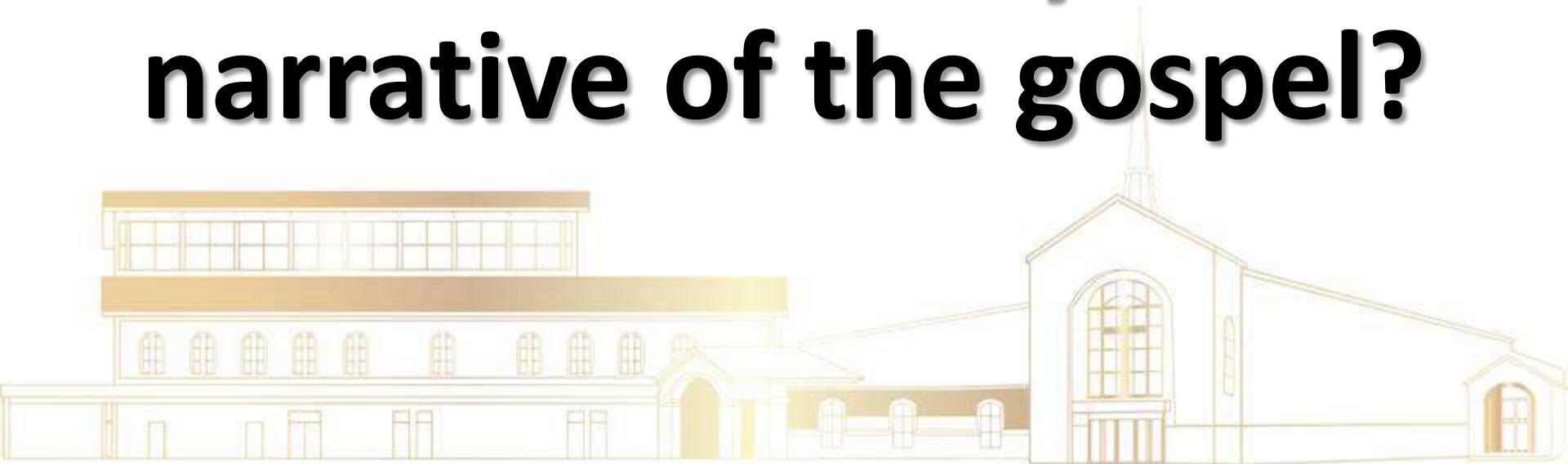


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Gospel (or Kingdom) Values

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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

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#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

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Modesty
Moral Purity
Integrity
Work Ethic
ETC.

ALL take a backseat to
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE

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Christ-like Love

Includes Being

- Kind
- Gracious
- Merciful
- Tender
- Patient

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#2 We See

Ubergenerosity

John 3:16

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

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According to Paul

Jesus said:

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

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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.

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Reconcile

to restore to friendship
or harmony

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Reconciliation is more
than I forgive him.

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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.

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2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)

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

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Romans 12:18

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

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

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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)

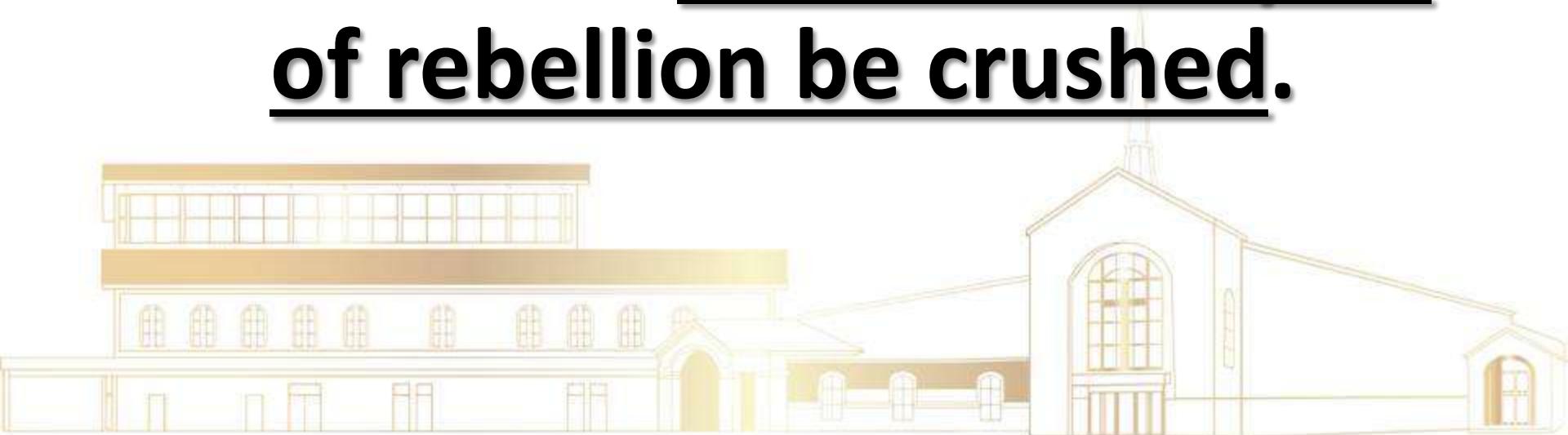
For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

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**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!

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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,

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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,

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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**

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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].

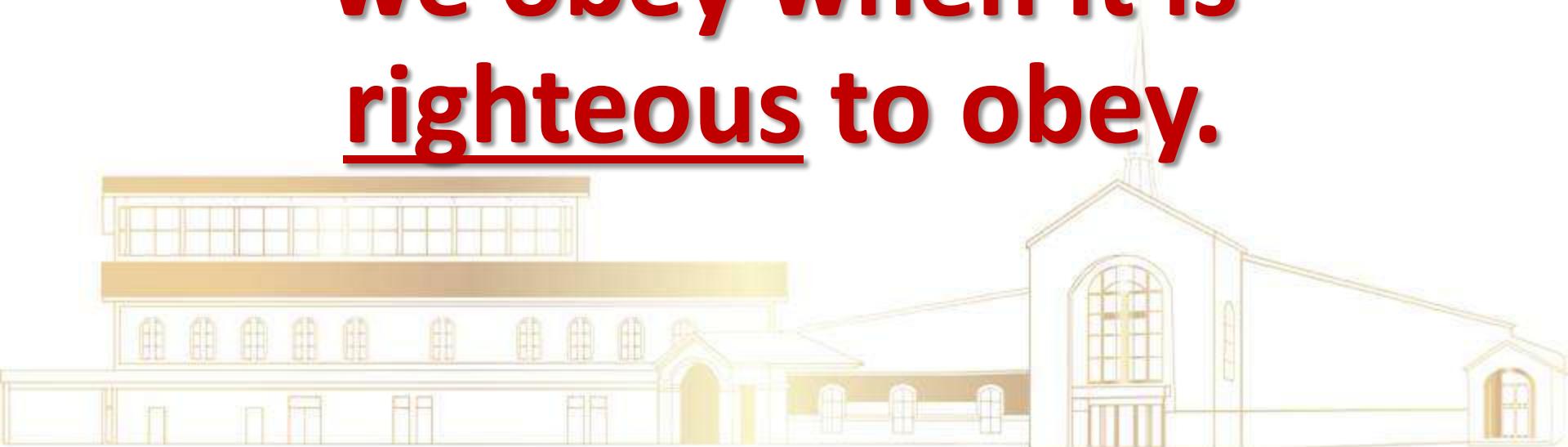
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Let's Clarify

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.**





Gospel Values

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- Generosity
- Unconditional Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Submissive Obedience
- Self-Denial to Serve

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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.

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Compassion

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

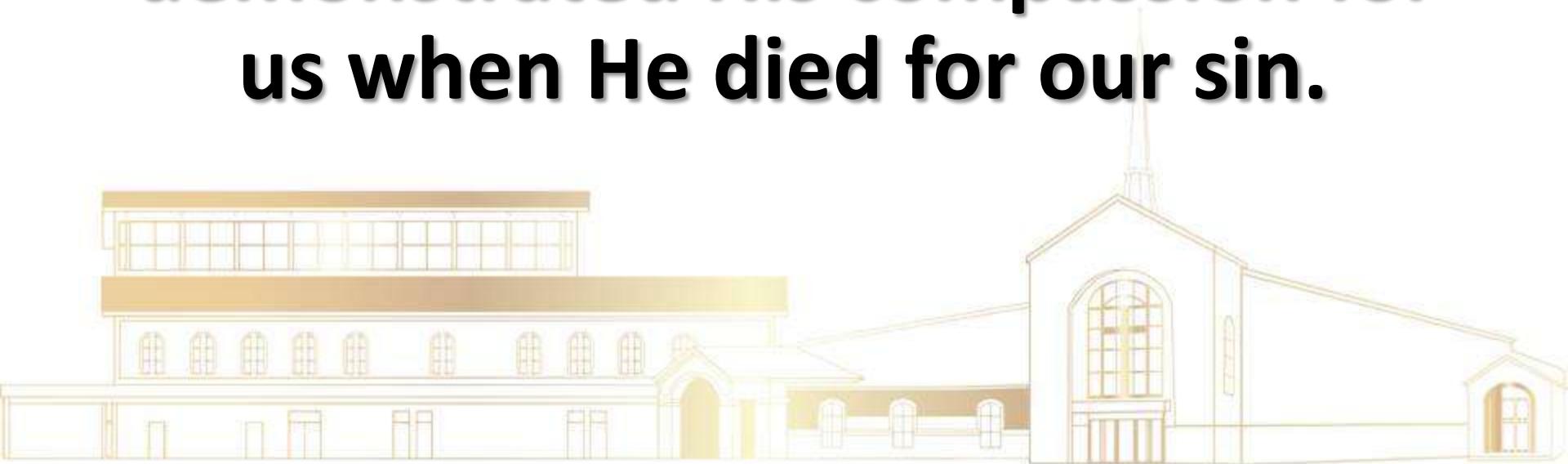
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**Our distress is that our sin
alienates us from a holy and
righteous God and Christ
demonstrated His compassion for
us when He died for our sin.**





Gospel Values

- Christ-like Love
- Generosity
- Unconditional Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Submissive Obedience
- Self-Denial to Serve
- Compassion

All to the Glory of God.

#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

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Gospel Values

- Christ-like Love
- Generosity
- Unconditional Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Submissive Obedience
- Self-Denial to Serve
- Compassion
- Humility

All to the glory of God.

