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Walk Worthy of the Gospel

Philippians 1:27



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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;**





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πολιτεύομαι

Transliteration

politeuomai

Pronunciation

po-lē-tyü'-o-mī (Key)



Part of Speech

verb



Root Word (Etymology)

Middle voice of a derivative of
πολίτης (G4177)

Dictionary Aids

Vine's Expository Dictionary: [View Entry](#)

TDNT Reference: 6:516,906

KJV Translation Count — Total: 2x

The KJV translates Strong's G4176 in the following manner: live (1x), let (one's) conversation be (1x).

πολίτευμα

Transliteration

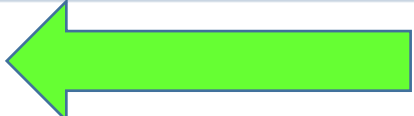

politeuma

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po-lē'-tyü-mä (Key)



Part of Speech

neuter noun 

Root Word (Etymology)

From πολιτεύομαι (G4176)

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Philippians 3:20

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

citizenship

Citizenship

> The status of being a citizen.

> Heavenly citizenship is a gift from God granted to those who have believed the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Note

> Philippians 3:20 has the noun for the word citizen

> But Philippians 1:27 has the verb for the word citizen



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**Paul's focus in this verse
is how we conduct
ourselves as citizens of
heaven.**





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Philippians 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,

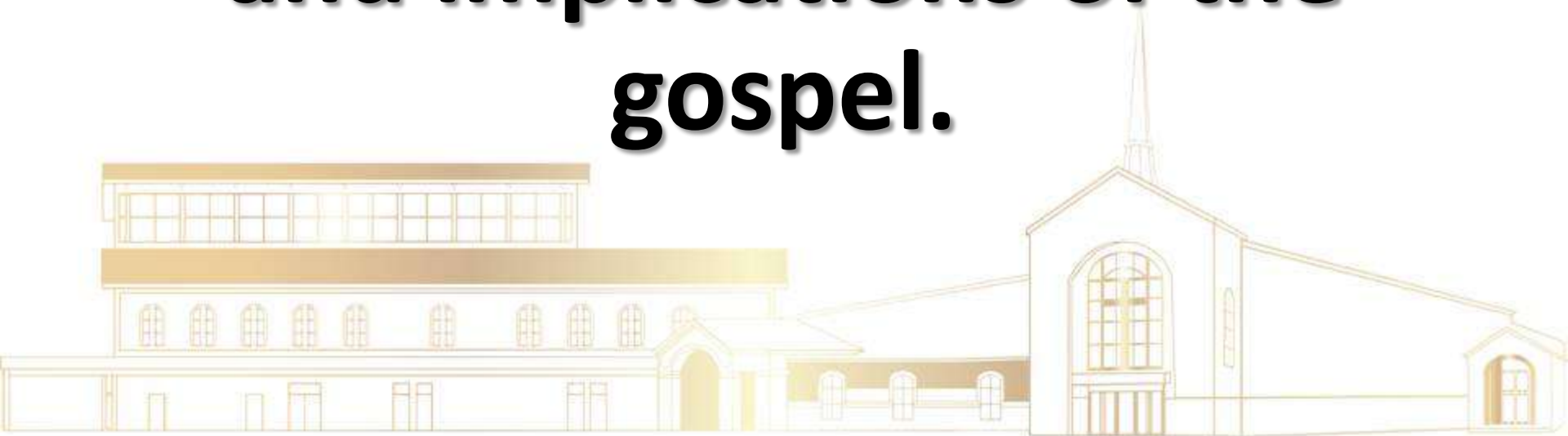


Philippians 1:27 (NET)

- **Only** conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of **Christ** so that—whether I come and see you or whether I remain absent—I should hear that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, by contending side by side for the faith of the gospel,

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**As a citizen of heaven, live
your life in manner that
reflects the application
and implications of the
gospel.**



The Gospel Includes:

- Christ leaving Heaven
- Taking on Human Flesh
- Living a Sinless Life
- Doing the will of the Father
 - Death and Burial
 - Victory over death



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How we walk mattered to the apostles!

Paul, Peter, John, James





1 Thessalonians 2:12

- That ye would **walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.



Colossians 1:10

- That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord** unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;



Ephesians 4:1

- I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you that ye **walk worthy of
the vocation [calling]** wherewith ye
are called,

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**Taken together I need
to walk worthy of God,
the Lord, my calling and
the gospel.**



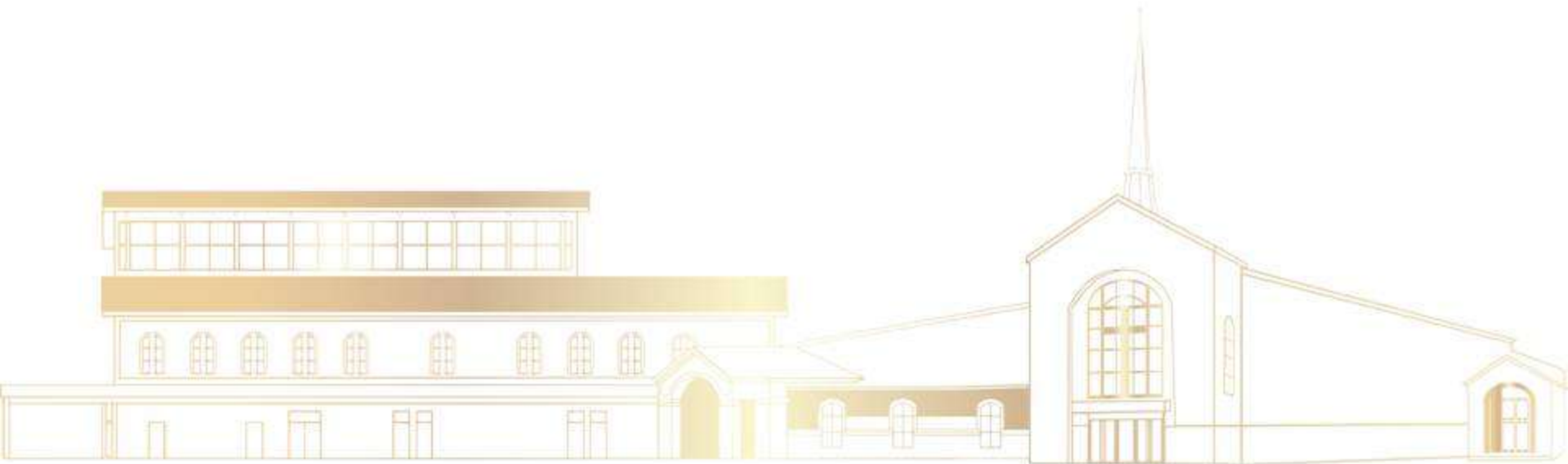
1 Peter 1:15-19

but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,¹⁸ knowing that you were **ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers**, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.



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**What does holy conduct
look like?**



James 2:14 (ESV)

What good is it, my brothers,
if someone says he has
faith but does not have
works? Can that faith save
him?



3 John 3-4 (ESV)

For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.



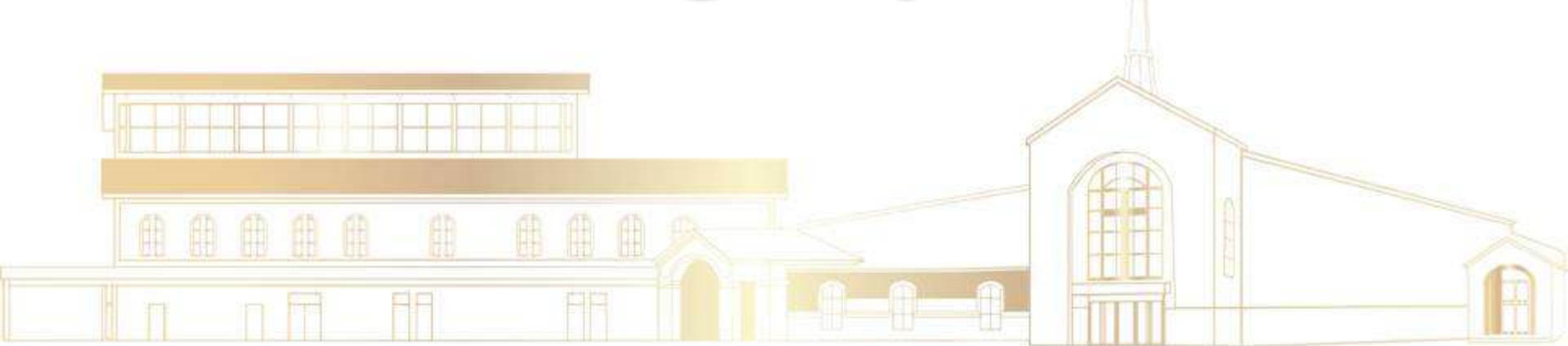
Peter, James & John

- Peter links my conduct to the precious blood of Jesus
- James links my salvific faith to the good works I do
- John links my walk (lifestyle) to the truth



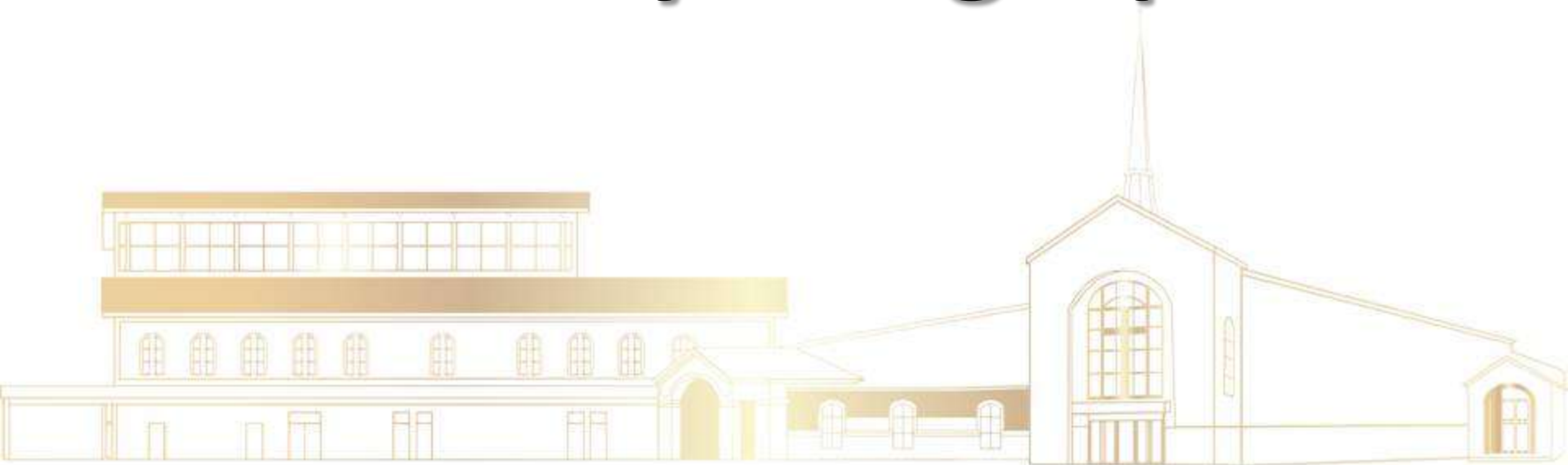
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**What does it mean
to walk worthy of
the gospel?**



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**What do we see when
we study the gospel?**



#1 We See

Amazing Love

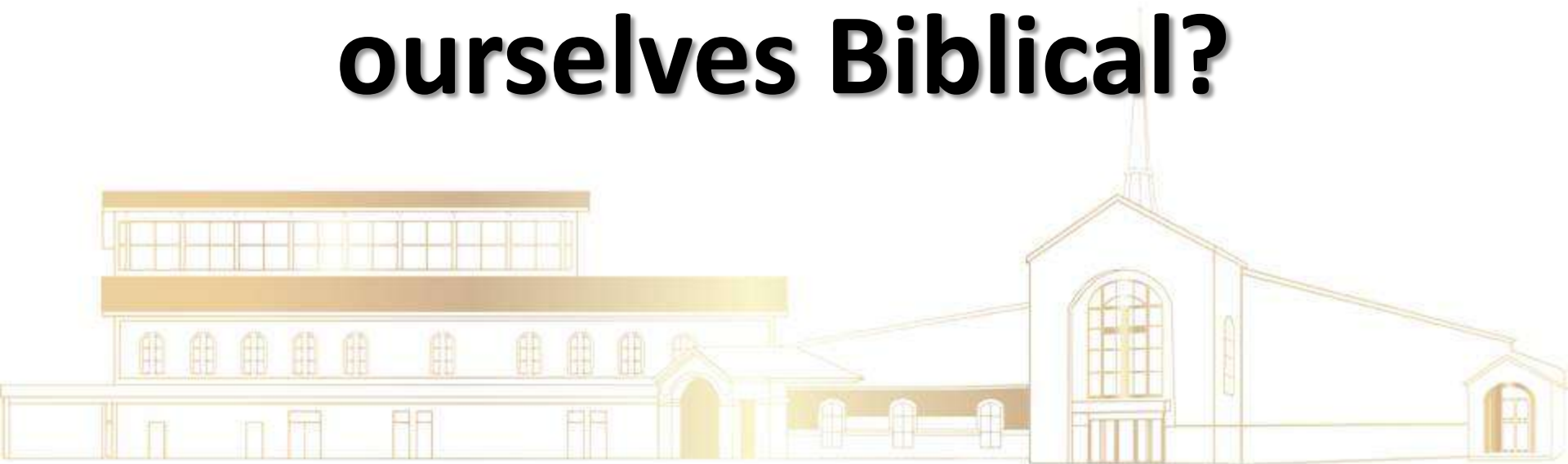
Romans 5:8 (AV)

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



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**Is looking at the
implications of the gospel
and then applying them to
ourselves Biblical?**



Ephesians 5:25

Notice how Paul admonishes husband in proportion to the gospel:

Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the
church, and gave himself for
it;

Yes it is!



John 13:35

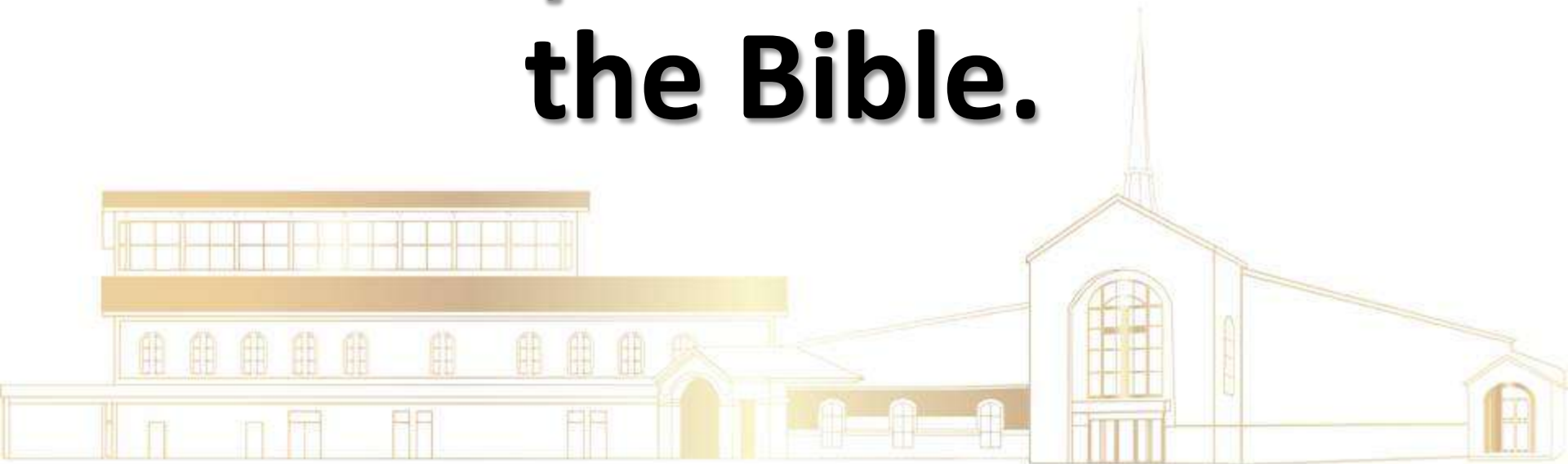
By this shall all *men* know
that ye are my disciples,

if ye have love
one to another.



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**In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul
gives us the greatest
description of love in
the Bible.**



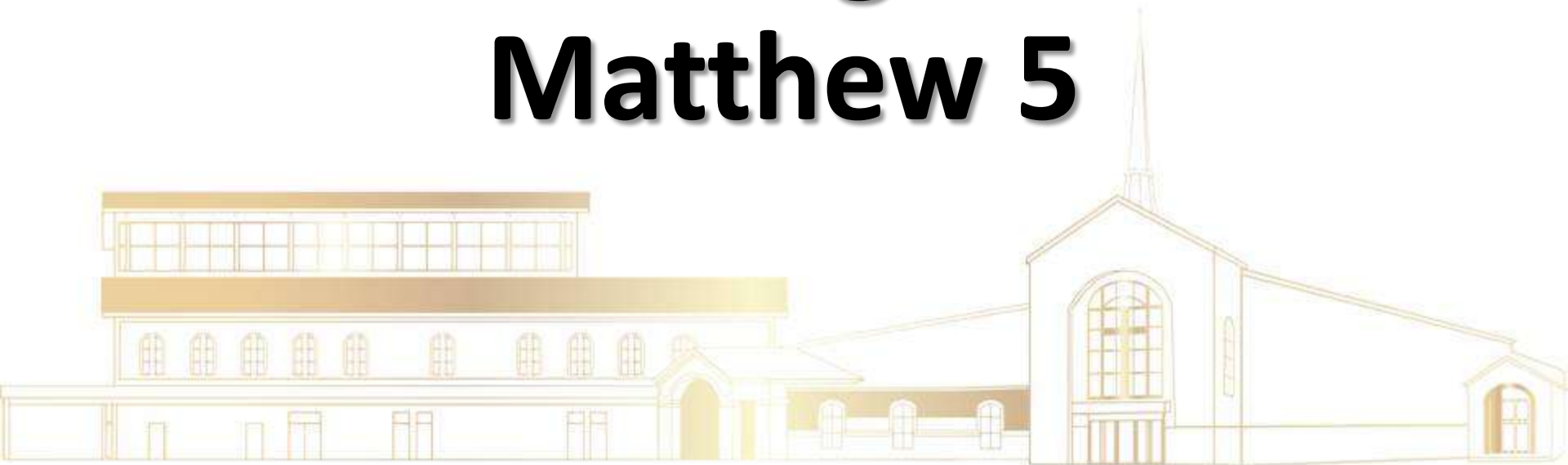
1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (ESV)

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.



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**Jesus gave us a
heavenly standard
concerning love—
Matthew 5**



Matthew 5:44-46 (ESV)

But I say to you, **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ **For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?**



Luke 6:32

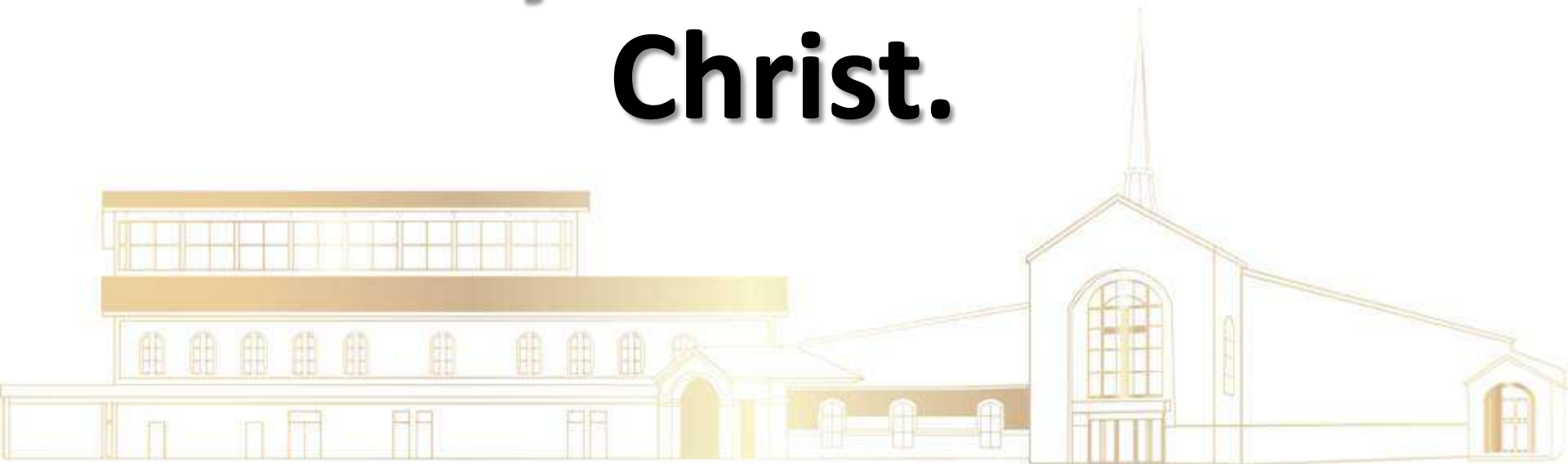
Jesus said:

If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.



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**In 1 John 4:10, the
Apostle links love
directly to the death of
Christ.**



1 John 4:10

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Atoning Sacrifice



#1A We See

Ultimate in Giving

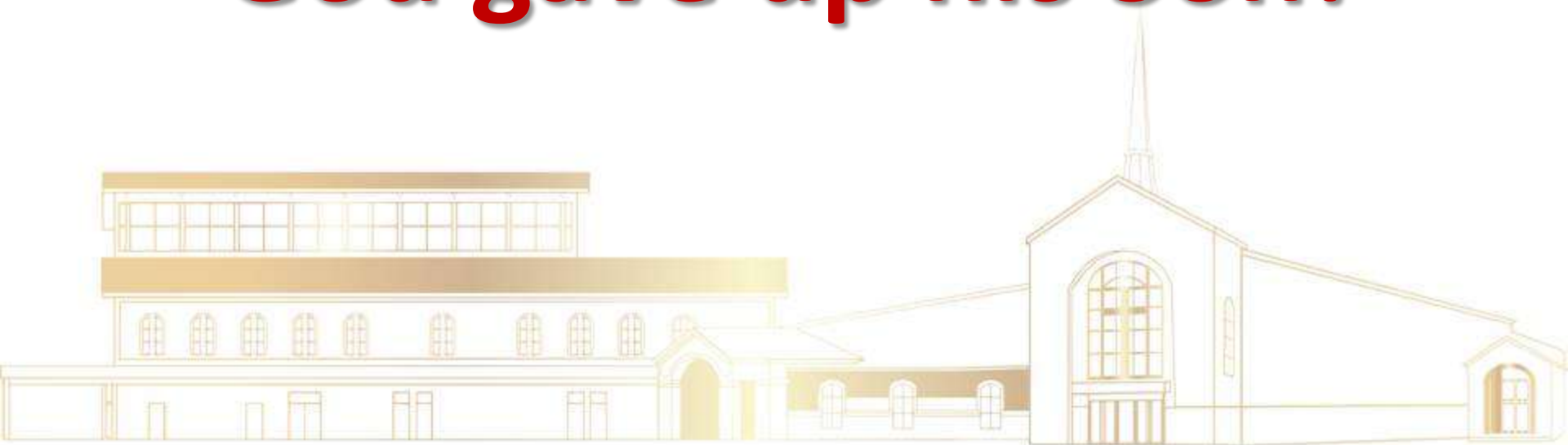
John 3:16

**For God so loved the world, that he
gave**



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**Love is manifested in
proportion to what we give:
God gave up his Son!**



John 4:10

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest **the gift of God**, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, **and he would have given thee living water.**



Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them,
Repent, and be baptized every
one of you in the name of Jesus
Christ for the remission of sins,
and ye shall receive **the gift of
the Holy Ghost.**



Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death; but
the gift of God *is* eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace are ye saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves: ***it is the gift of God:***



Romans 3:24 (ESV)

and are justified by his
grace as a gift, through
the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus,



Acts 11:18

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.**



2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks *be* unto
God for his
unspeakable gift.



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.**



According to Paul

Jesus said:

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





**Nobody says on their death bed—I wish I
would have been more selfish!**

Luke 6:38 (NET)

Give, and it will be given to you: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use will be the measure you receive.”



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**Do we believe we are
never more like Jesus
than when we are
giving...?**



1 John 3:1a (ESV)

See what kind of love
the Father has given
to us, that **we should
be called children of
God;** and so we are.



See

How much I love God...

How much I love my church...

How much I love my wife...

How much I love son...

How much I love my friends...



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Time, Talents & Treasure



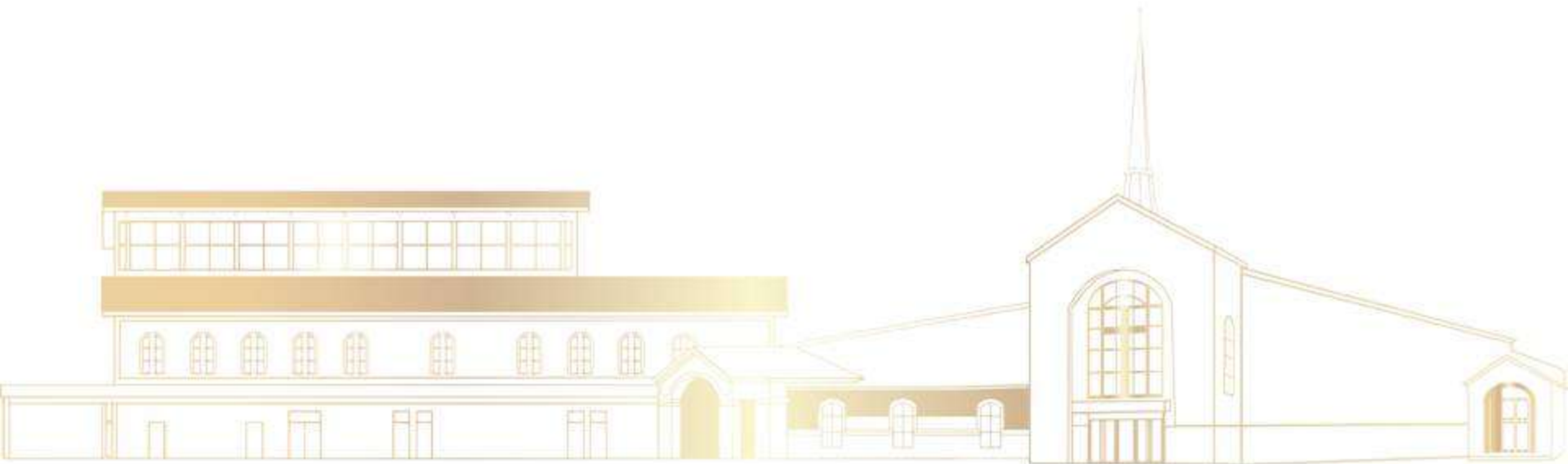


IN FAMILY
RELATIONSHIPS
LOVE IS REALLY SPELLED
T-I-M-E.

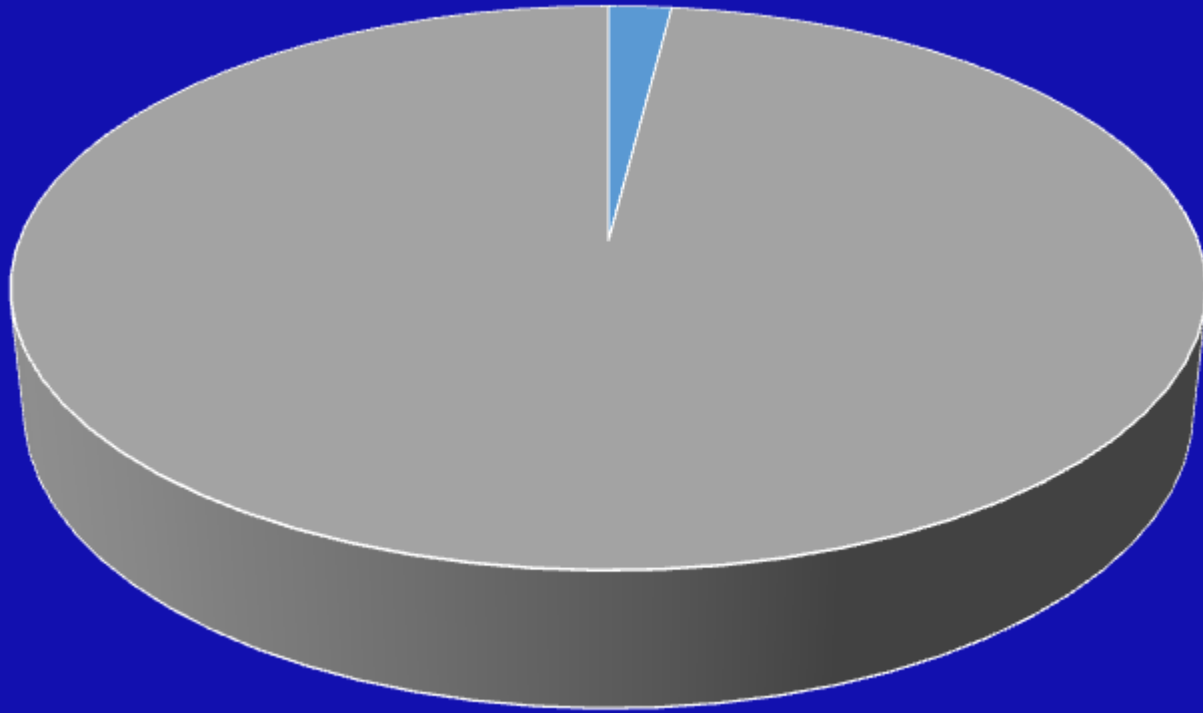
~Dieter F. Uchtdorf

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But I can't give 10%!
What about 2%?



What about 2%?



2% of \$50K a year =
\$1000 (\$84 a month)
100 people @ \$84 =
\$8,400 per month



#2 We See

Perfect Obedience

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.



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.**



#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.**



#4 We See

The Importance of Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, **so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**



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**Think about what Christ
did to make us righteous.
What should our response
to that be?**



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



#5 We See

Victory over the Devil

