
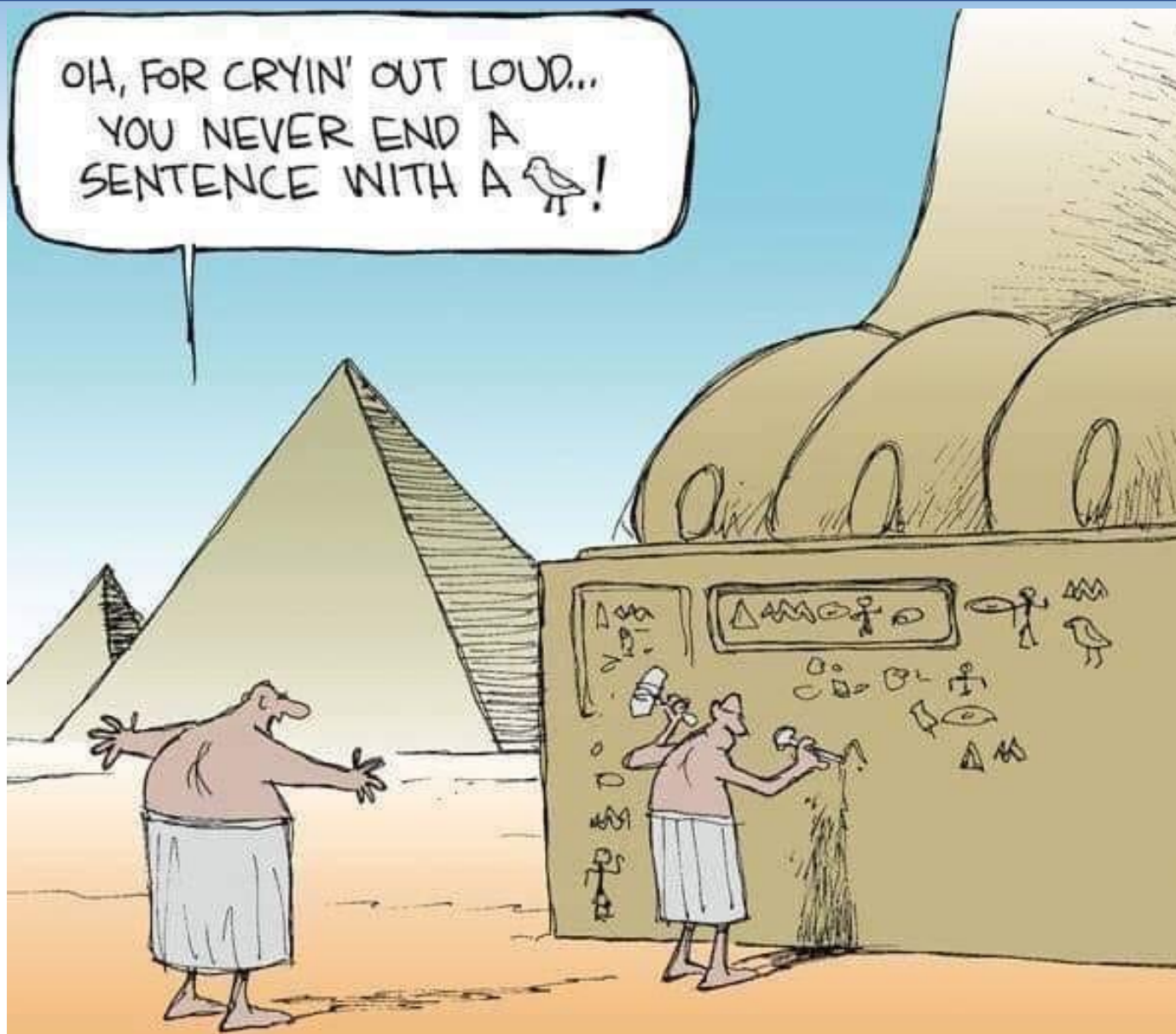


OH, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD...  
YOU NEVER END A  
SENTENCE WITH A !



ANCIENT GRAMMAR POLICE



The background image shows the archaeological site of Philippi, featuring several tall, weathered stone columns standing amidst ruins of stone walls and foundations. In the distance, a large, rocky mountain rises under a clear blue sky. The scene is captured in bright daylight, with some greenery visible on the slopes of the mountain.

# Philippians

## Living By the Cross





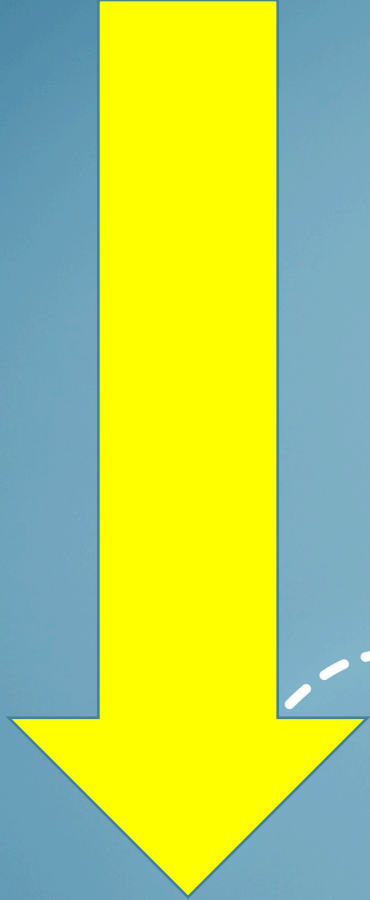
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Phil. 2:12-18





Phil.  
1:27

Phil.  
1:28-2:4

Phil.  
2:5-11



Phil. 2:12-18



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# Writing a Theme Statement

This becomes Paul's theme statement for Phil. 1:27-2:18

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ”



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*Axios* (ἀξίως): In a manner worthy or suitable τῇ

πιστεὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου



Paul saw all of life through the  
prism of the death of Christ

All of life

The gospel has  
ethical content

Paul's view

The "gospel"





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In this form (the “middle”), it means to

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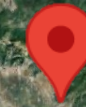


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(Scratchpad)





Philippi

Philippi is a Roman “colony” – an outpost of Rome with citizen rights of Rome; Roman law; and Roman rule

Philip II

Battle

Jesus

Paul

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As Philippi is a Roman “colony,” think of the church as a “Kingdom of God colony” d)



Citizenship has rights AND responsibilities

CITIZENSHIP

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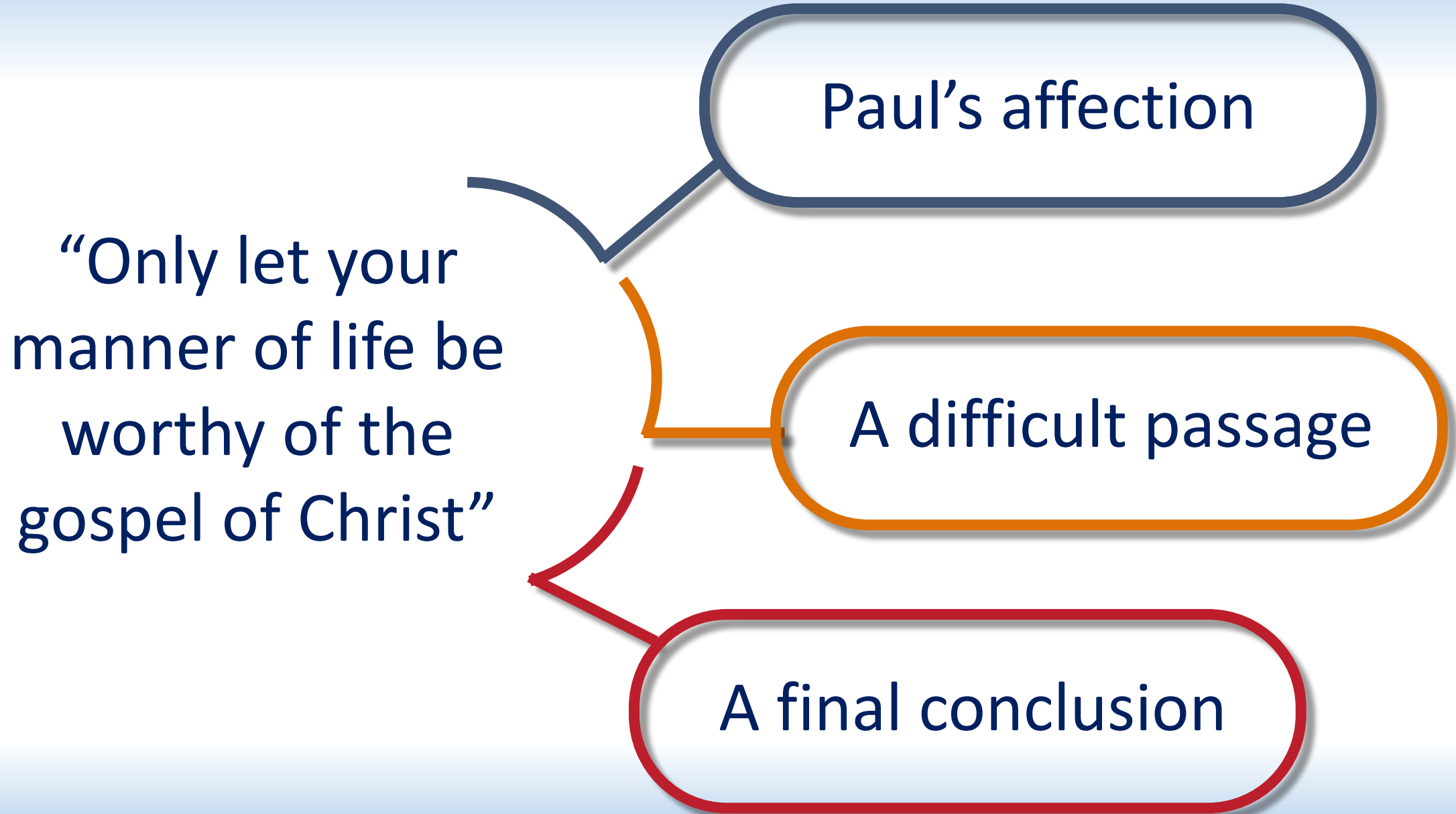


Paul's affection

A difficult passage

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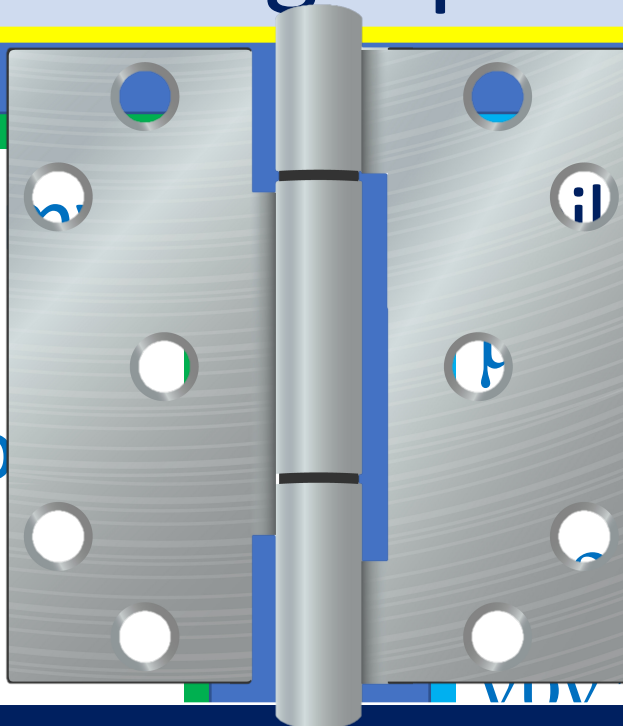
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*hoste* (ὥστε) is a hinge word

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pause

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What is so important that Paul stops his “Therefore”?



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Rom 6:16

“obeyed” *hup-akou-ō* (ὑπακούω):  
hear and come under – i.e., “follow,”  
“listen to and heed,” “regard,” “respond to”

For Paul, love is expressed in action





For Paul, *faith* is expressed in action

Rom 1:5

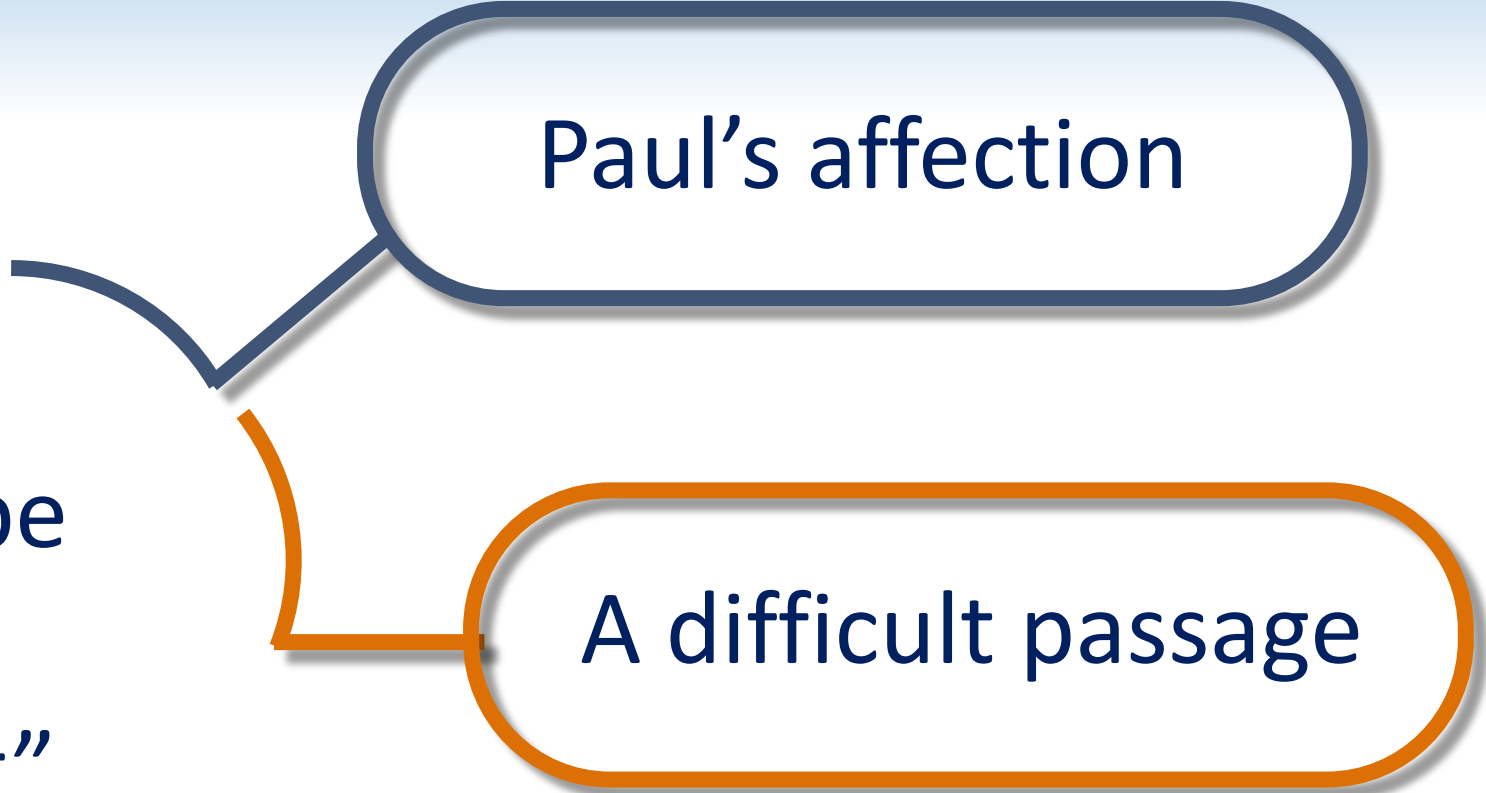
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The  
importance  
of context!

It was a beautiful day...





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Rom 7:18

“work out” *katergazomai* (κατεργάζομαι):  
“Carry out,” “produce,” “accomplish,”  
“be successful in the face of obstacles”



This isn't a text in how to be saved;  
it's a text on being ethical!

E t h i c s



Lanier  
paraphrase:

Stop your fussing and  
get about God's work!



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Dt. 2:25; 11:25

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A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a yellow cardigan over a grey polo shirt, is sitting behind a young boy. The boy is wearing a black shirt and a black watch. They are both looking at a laptop screen. The woman is pointing at the screen with her right hand, and the boy is smiling and looking at the screen. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

Like a parent,  
our God delights  
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I Cor. 10:10; Ex. 16:7, 8, 9, 12



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Paul's confidence in  
eternity infused  
meaning in his present

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ”

Phil. 2:16-18 ...holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not **run** in vain or **labor** in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and ...

Phil. 2:16-18 ...λόγον ζωῆς ἐπέχοντες, εἰς καύχημα ἔμοι εἰς ἡμέραν Χριστοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ εἰς κενὸν **ἔδραμον** οὐδὲ εἰς κενὸν **ἐκοπίασα**. Ἀλλ' εἰ καὶ σπένδομαι ἐπὶ τῇ θυσίᾳ καὶ λειτουργίᾳ τῆς πίστεως ὑμῶν, χαίρω καὶ ...



“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ”

Phil. 2:16-18 ...rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Phil. 2:16-18 ...συγχαίρω  
πᾶσιν ὑμῖν· τὸ δὲ αὐτὸ καὶ  
ὑμεῖς χαίρετε καὶ συγχαίρετέ  
μοι.

## Points to Ponder:



Conduct your life like a citizen  
in God's kingdom!

"Only let your manner of life be worthy  
of the gospel of Christ."  
(Phil. 1:27)



## Points to Ponder:

God delights in our best, so let's  
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“God works in you, both to will and  
to work for his good pleasure”  
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## Points to Ponder:



Shine! Don't grumble!!!

“Do all things without grumbling  
...that you may ... shine as lights in  
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Time for church!

