

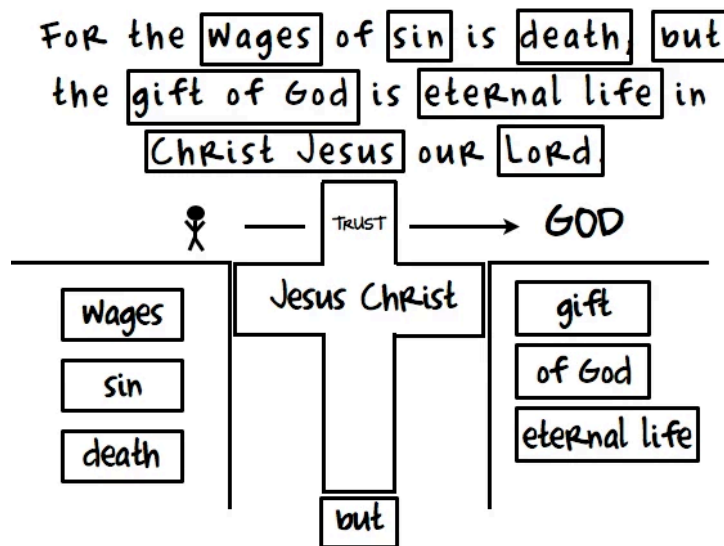
ONE Church Series  
Week 3 outline  
9.8.19  
Phil 1:27-30

### ONE CHURCH: ONE GOSPEL

**27** 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, **28** and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. **29** For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, **30** engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

#### I. The Gospel of Who?

- A. The Gospel is a Person... His Name is Jesus.
- B. The Gospel has a Plan... To restore us in right relationship with God
- C. The Gospel has a Point... To rescue us from the wages of sin
- D. The Gospel has a Promise... To redeem us and give us eternal life
- E. The Gospel has a Purpose... To renew us for life here and now



***“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

Romans 6:23

THERES ONLY ONE GOSPEL AND THAT’S THIS GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.  
WHO HAS A PLAN TO RESTORE US,  
A POINT TO RESCUE US,  
A PROMISE TO REDEEM US,  
AND A PURPOSE TO RENEW US.

## II. A Life Worth of the Gospel

### A. The Gospel Unites Us to Live Lives Together Rather Than Divided (vs 27)

1. The Gospel Unifies us through a new spirit alive in us  
*"Standing Firm in One Spirit"*
2. The Gospel Unifies us in a new Identity in that is fully in Christ  
*"With One **Mind** Striving Side by Side For the Faith"*  
*psyxḗ (from psychō, "to breathe, blow" which is the root of the English words "psyche," "psychology") – soul (psyche); a person's distinct identity (unique personhood), i.e. individual personality.*

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST UNITES US WITH A NEW SPIRIT AND A NEW IDENTITY.

### B. The Gospel Gives Us Lives Lived by Faith Rather Than in Fear (vs 28)

1. Our Faith in Jesus gives us a new confidence in him instead of ourselves.  
*"For the Faith of the Gospel and not frightened"*
2. Our Faith in Jesus gives us a new testimony of His grace in our lives.  
*"A Clear Sign to them"*

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST GIVES US A NEW FAITH  
WITH A NEW CONFIDENCE AND A NEW STORY.

### C. The Gospel Calls Us to Live Lives in Service Rather Than in Superiority (vs 29-30)

1. We suffer for the sake of Christ.  
*"for the sake of Christ"*
2. We're called to engage for the sake of Christ.  
*"engaged in the same **conflict**"*  
-agōn: **Definition:** a gathering, contest, struggle  
**Usage:** an (athletic) contest; hence, a struggle (in the soul).  
(the root of the English words, "agony")  
– properly, a contest (struggle), a grueling conflict (fight);  
a positive struggle that goes with "fighting the good fight of faith" (1 Tim 6:12) – which literally states, the good struggle of the faith."  
- "with endurance the race that is set before" Heb 12:1
3. It's an Honor to receive the call to suffer for the sake of Christ.  
*"It has been **granted**"*  
*xarízomai (from xáris, "grace, extending favor") – properly, to extend favor ("grace"), freely give favor to grant forgiveness (pardon).*

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST CALLS US TO A NEW PURPOSE AND NEW PERSPECTIVE  
FOR OUR LIVES HERE AND NOW.