

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 21/03/2021

Text(s): Philippians 1:27–30

Sermon Title: Living Worthily of the Gospel

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Philippians 1:27–30 (ESV)

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.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Imagine that you have dual citizenship, being a citizen of both Singapore and another country, whether far or near, how would you use the privileges that come with it? Would you plan your time and even your finances differently?**
- 2. All of us have dual citizenship – one here on earth and one in heaven. Citizenship has rights, privileges and responsibilities. What do you know about the rights and privileges you have as a citizen of your nation? What do you know about the rights and privileges you have as citizens of heaven?**
- 3. What does it take to be a Christian? Nothing and also everything, said the preacher. Why did the preacher answer the question this way? How do you understand “nothing and also everything”?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **To live a manner of life worthy of the Gospel means the church must stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the Gospel and not frightened in anything by their opponents (see vv27 & 28). What issue is Apostle Paul addressing in these two verses? What kind of opposition do churches face that threatens our unity?**

2. **Let discuss deeper about oppositions from within the church that threatens unity. What are the things that sometimes Christians do that threatens our unity?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to have a real desire for unity within our church expressed in love for each other.

- *Pray for our church to be a united people not afraid of opposition and persecution, understanding that persecution is a grace or favour from God.*

- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.