

## **A Life worthy of Christ's Gospel**

*„...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ“ (Phil. 1:6)*

### **I. God's good work will be completed in us!**

(Phil. 1:1-11)

#### **A. The Gospel encompasses the full restoration of man for God's plan**

1. God has begun his good work in us and will complete it (Acts 16:6-12; Phil. 1:6)
2. God can make us pure and faultless for the Day of the Lord (Phil. 1:10; Rom. 8:28-32; Eph. 5:27)
3. Our rebirth and the salvation of the soul (John 3:3-6; Mk. 8:34-35; 1 Pet. 1:9)

#### **B. Pressing on in faith, in order to be perfected**

1. The salvation of our soul demands our cooperation (Phil. 2:12-13)
2. Our daily decision – not to live for ourselves, but only through Christ (Rom. 8:10-13; Phil. 2:3-9)
3. Even when mature in Christ, we still continue to reach forward to Him, until we fully grasp Him (Phil. 3:12-16; 2 Pet. 1:10-11)

#### **C. Our supporting one another in prayer serves our perfection**

1. Paul is convinced of the perfection of the Philipians, whom he carries in his heart (Phil. 1:3-11)
2. The prayers of the Philipians furthers the salvation of his soul (Phil. 1:19)
3. We are one in our service to Christ, who consistently intercedes for our salvation (Heb. 7:25)

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**V. Working together with God for the salvation of our soul** (Phil. 2:12-16)

**A. Working our salvation**

1. The basis: The Lord has already accomplished so much (Phil. 2:5-11; 2 Pet. 1:3; 1John 4:4)
2. Not dependent upon other persons (Phil. 2:12)
3. We should be working on our salvation – today! (Phil. 2:12; 1:19; 1 Pet. 1:9; Jas. 1:21)
4. With fear and trembling – but enjoying grace (1 Pet. 1:10)

**B. Cooperating with Him**

1. God works in will and deed according to His pleasure (Phil. 2:13; John 8:29; 5:17)
2. Practicing obedience, being led (Acts 16:6-10)
3. Knowing the abundance of the Lord's supply (Phil. 1:19; Gal. 3:5; Col. 2:19)

**C. Our testimony: proclamation, appearance and representation**

1. We appear as lights in the darkness (Phil. 2:16; John 1:4-5; Mt. 5:14; 1John 2:8; 2 Cor. 4:4-6)
2. Holding tightly and representing the Word of Life (Phil. 2:16; 1 John 1:1; John 1:14; John 6:63)

**D. The joy of consecration and feeding for the saints** (Phil. 2:17-30)

1. A joyful church-life (Phil. 2:17-18, 28-29)
2. Oneness in the soul (Phil. 2:20, 30)
3. Seeking that, which is Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:21)

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## **VI. Gaining Christ and being found in Him**

(Phil. 3:1-11)

### **A. Recognizing the overwhelming greatness of Jesus Christ** (Phil. 3:8; Eph. 3:8)

1. God's Gospel is the revelation of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:35; Rom. 1:1-4; Gal. 1:15-16; Col. 1:17-28)
2. Christ's unfathomable richness is revealed to the unbelieving, as well as to the believers, through the Gospel. (It comprises the forgiveness of sins and the building up of the Church as the body of Christ.) (Rom. 1:16; 10:11-13; 1Tim. 4:10)
3. We must know him and become one with Him; this is the message of the Gospel
4. God will fulfill His work in us through Christ (Eph. 2:10; 1:3-14)

### **B. The Righteousness which comes from God** (Phil. 3:9)

1. Recognizing the value of God's righteousness, revealed through the Gospel (Rom. 1:16-17)
2. Knowing the difference between Christ and the Law (Phil. 3:9; Rom. 7:6; 10:4; Gal. 3:10-11, 21)
3. Filled with the fruits of righteousness (Phil. 1:11)

### **C. Being one with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ** (Phil. 3:10)

1. We are grown together with the death of Christ, have died with Him (Rom. 6:3-6)
2. We live through the Spirit in the power of His resurrection (Rom. 6:4-5; 7:6; 8:11)

### **D. Our consecration** (Phil. 3:7-8)

1. The basis on which we gain Christ (Rom. 6:13; 12:1)
  2. The working of the Gospel in our life – for which we gladly pay the price
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## **VIII. In the Church we live entirely for Christ and His Gospel (Phil. 4)**

### **A. Standing firmly in the Lord**

1. The beloved saints are our joy
2. Maintaining or recovering unanimity, thinking the same in the Lord
3. In my place (Phil. 4:15; 1:1; Lk. 10:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; 1Thess. 1:1; Tit. 1:5; Apoc. 1:11)

### **B. Progressing in our salvation**

1. With joy in the Lord and love toward others
2. Freed from sorrows through prayer
3. God's peace protects our hearts and thoughts in Christ. (Phil. 4:7; Col.3:15)
4. Consciously commanding our thoughts (Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:2) and being ready to act. (Phil. 4:9; Col. 3:17)
5. Giving and taking in the Church – a pleasure to God. (Phil. 4:15-17; Gal. 6:6-10)

### **C. Dedicated to the fellowship for the Gospel**

1. The beginning of the Gospel (Phil. 4:15)
2. We, for the Gospel – strengthening, supporting, striving, protecting, spreading, preaching it – until the end!
  - a) Without fear of men, (Phil. 1:28-30; Mt. 10:16-33; Mk. 8:35-38) – fearing God alone
  - b) Our deficits are replenished in Christ (Phil. 4:19-20)
3. Actively spreading the Good News until His Kingdom comes and we enter it. (Mt. 24:13-14; Acts 8:14; Apoc. 10:10-11)

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