

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:11

Memorize Philippians 2:3-11. We'll take a couple of weeks to work on this vital passage and commit it to memory for the purpose of using it in our lives! For this lesson memorize at least verses 3 and 4. Yes \_\_\_\_! Said to \_\_\_\_\_.

Review Philippians 1:6.

Read Philippians 1:27-2:11. Do this three times 1)\_\_\_\_ 2)\_\_\_\_ 3)\_\_\_\_

1. Thinking back over Chapter 1 from verses 1-26, you will notice that beginning with verse 27 Paul makes a shift in his letter from *his* memories and *his* circumstances and *his* conduct. Now he is concentrating on the Philippians. According to verse 27 what aspect of their lives is now the new focus of this letter?

Read Philippians 1:27-30.

2. What is another way of saying *conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ*?
3. Why does Paul begin with *only* (NASB) or *whatever happens* (NIV)?
4. Looking thoughtfully at verses 27 and 28 what are the specific elements of this conduct?
5. Note verse 28, *which is a sign* (NASB) or *this is a sign* (NIV). What is the *sign*? (The way you know is to decide what the word *which* or *this* refers to.)
6. Why would this sign (see your previous answer) be an evidence of the destruction of the church's opponents and their own salvation?

7. What is the relationship of verses 29-30 to verse 28? (Note the conjunction "for.")
8. Now, state in your own words the argument of 1:27-30.

Read Philippians 2:1-4.

9. How is 2:1 related to Chapter 1?
10. By now it's clear that this entire passage (1:27-2:11) has an emphasis on unity or oneness. Read Ephesians 4:1-6. Now linking the thoughts from the two sections,
  - a. is this unity already established or do we have to form it?
  - b. what part *do* we have in it?
11. What relationship does Philippians 2:3-4 have to 2:2? (Note the arrangement in both 2:3 and 4 not...but.)
12. Restate in your own words the principle stated in 2:3-4.
13. In one sentence summarize the teaching of Philippians 2:1-4.



21. a. Please summarize in one or two sentences the teaching of 1:27-2:11.

b. What is one concept that is especially applicable to your life at this time?

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