



Opening prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Read Philippians 1:27-30

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.

Watch the video

Follow this [link](#) or search for 'Grappling with Philippians 1' from the youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wolfmueller1>

Review and Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the statement: "the way you talk is the way you live." How does this matter for A Christian?

2. What, does Paul remind us, is one vocation of a Christian?

3. What are the two ways that the word 'Faith' is used, and how are they different? Which is being used in this text?

4. Paul assumes that we, as the church, have enemies. What are the three enemies that all Christians have? Who are some of our other enemies?

5. Do these verses contain law, gospel, or both?

6. Paul identifies two gifts that the Christian receives from God. What are these two gifts?

7. Why do Christians consider suffering to be a gift?
