



THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Phil. 2:5, 1:27

“When Life Gets in the Way”



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I. THE PERCEPTION OF THE CONCEPT

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

A. The Imperative – “Let this mind...”

B. The Influence – “...be in you...”

C. The Imitation – “...which was also in Christ Jesus:”

Rom. 6:4 1 Cor. 11:1 Phil. 3:17



II. THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

A. The Fellowship in the Gospel, Phil. 1:3-7

B. The Force Within the Gospel, Phil. 1:9-11

C. The Fall-out from, and for, the Gospel, Phil. 1:12-20

D. The Future due to the Gospel, 1:21-30

1. The Paradox in Living, 1:21-24

a. The Assurance - The Eternity with Christ

b. The Acceptance – The Earthly for Christ

2. The Purpose in Living, 1:25-26

a. The Result of Confidence, 1:25

b. The Rejoicing in Christ, 1:26



As believers, we should be focused upon two factors for the future:

- One – to be with Christ
- Two – to be faithful and fruitful in building, strengthening and advancing the church.

2 Cor. 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, **known and read of all men:**

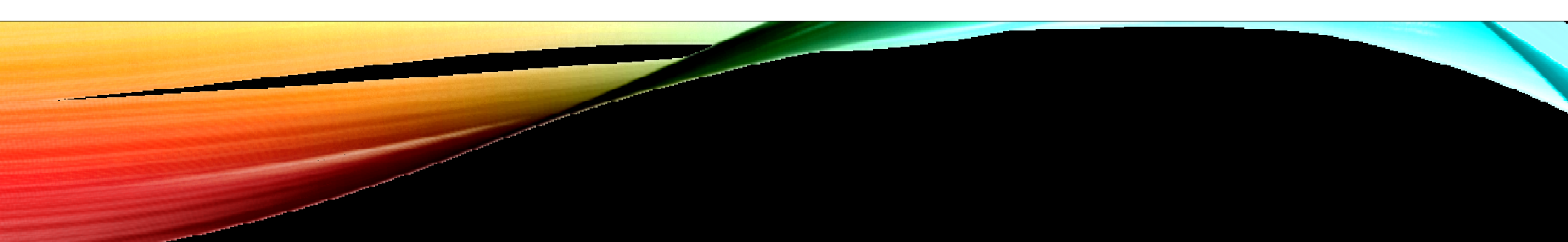
3 *Forasmuch* as ye are manifestly declared to be **the epistle of Christ** ministered by us, **written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables of stone, but in **fleshy tables of the heart**.

9 Reasons Christians Look Less Like Jesus Today

By Neal Samudre

It's no secret that a majority of Christians today are described as not reflecting the attitudes and actions of Jesus Christ. In fact, in this recent study done by Barna, only 14% of all Christians were described as being Christ-like.

- 1. We value career over character.**
- 2. We ignore the need for simplicity.**
- 3. The Internet gives us mob mentality.**
- 4. We filter God through societal lies.**

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- 5. We are more cynical of churches today.**
 - 6. We segregate our devotion to God and everything else we do in life.**
 - 7. We all want to be leaders, not servants.**
 - 8. We struggle with convenient friendships.**
 - 9. We're afraid of offending or making others feel uncomfortable.**

<http://www.churchplants.com/articles/10241-9-reasons-christians-look-less-like-jesus-today.html>

E. The Face of the Gospel, 1:27-30



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a. Life of Christ Manifested Consistently, 1:27a –
“Only let your conversation be as it becometh
the gospel of Christ...”

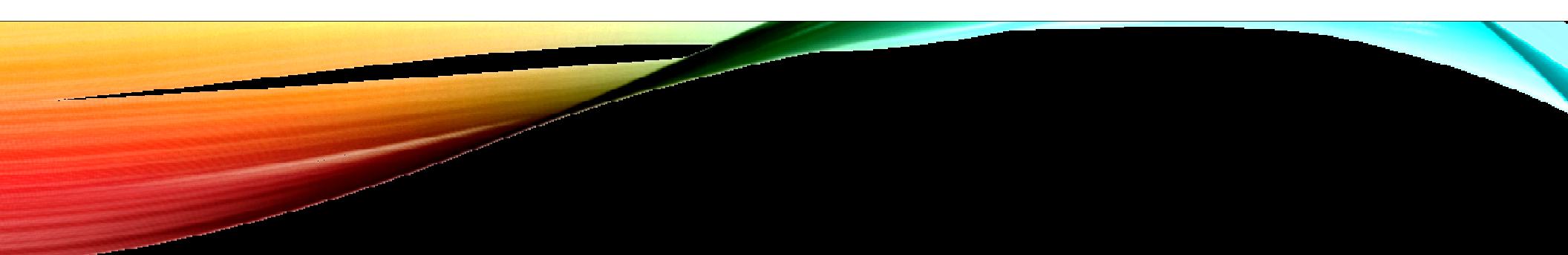
Original Word: πολιτεύομαι

Transliteration: politeuomai

Short Definition: I live the life of a citizen

Acts 23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said,
Men *and* brethren, **I have lived** in all good conscience
before God until this day.

Phil. 3:20 For our **conversation** is in heaven; from whence
also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:



b. Life of the Church Mirrors Christ, 1:27b –
“...that whether I come and see you, or else be
absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand
fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together
for the faith of the gospel;”

Original Word: συναθλέω

Transliteration: sunathleó

Definition: I compete together with others, cooperate
vigorously with, striving together.

2. The Resolution of Courage, 1:28

1:28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

- Be strong, and in NOTHING terrified by adversaries = faith in spite of fear

Josh. 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for **the LORD thy God is with thee** whithersoever thou goest.

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

• "...an evident token..." = revealing authenticity of true character and relationship

Original Word: ἔνδειξις

Transliteration: endeixis

Definition: a showing, proof, demonstration, sign, token.

Cognate: *éndeiksis* – (a brand of) *display*, emphasizing the *character* of the demonstration which is made *obvious* (*undeniable, conspicuous*).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1732.htm>

endeíknymi – properly, to make fully evident, showing *conspicuous proof* which demonstrates something as *undeniable*. The prefix (*en*) adds the dimension of "abiding condition" making the "showing forth" on "open display" for all to see, i.e. *obvious* so "no one could miss it."

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1731.htm>

3. The Refinement through Conflict, 1:29-30

1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;
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a. The Inevitable Conflict, 1:29

1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

1 Jn. 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

2 Tim. 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

b. The Identifiable Conflict, 1:30

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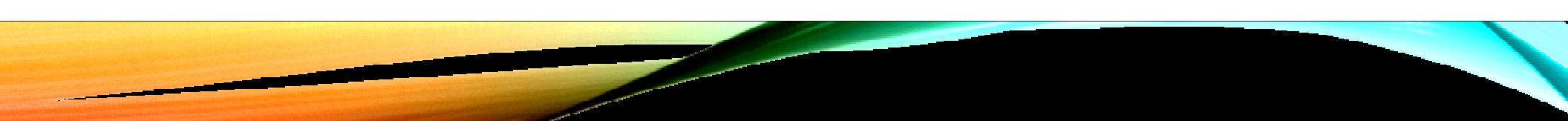
1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but **such as is common to man:** but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Conclusion

Jas. 1:2 My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye fall into divers temptations;

1 Pet. 4:13 But **rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, when his glory shall be revealed, **ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.



2 Cor. 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and **the God of all comfort;**

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, **that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.**

7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be also of the consolation.*