

Sermon Notes

Faithful Heavenly Citizenship

Philippians 4:1-3 (pew Bible pg. 982)

Dutiful work in interpreting and teaching the Scriptures demands one to properly relate the text to current circumstances. The modern-day reader of Philippians specifically passages such as 1:27-30 and 4:1-3, need not work too diligently to see how relevant these passages are to the modern-day Piedmont North Carolina church. Unity is not the strong suite of the average church body. Many a church has been started in our local area from arguments as minor as the color of the carpet or the style of music. The text before us today confronts and exhorts us in areas that the Apostle Paul has been writing all along: unity in the community through humility in the gospel. This often overlooked passage packs a wallop as the Apostle exhorts the church to faithful heavenly citizenship in 2 particular ways.

Be Steadfast in Gospel-centered Living (vs. 1)

Be Unified in Gospel-centered Servanthood (vs. 2-3)

Applications for us today: _____

Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- Colossians 3:16a

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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AUGUST

10 Student BTS Party @ 6pm (OC)
13 RCA, BHCS First Day of School
14 RCS First Day of School
15 Exploring Membership Class @ 6pm
16 Men's Breakfast @ 7am
17 End of Summer Cookout @ 4:30pm
18 PCS, PCC First Day of School
22 Ladies Game Night @ 6pm (FLC)
22 Person vs. Franklinton (HOME)
24 Communion