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## INTRODUCTION

## Part 5 - Live a Life Worthy of the Gospel

The gospel can be confusing.

What exactly should be included in the presentation of the it? What does God require of us to receive forgiveness of our sins? How do we receive the gift of eternal life?

Clear as Mud will answer these questions and more. No message is more important than the gospel—so, let's clear it up.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever known someone who claimed to be a Christian but didn't live like a Christian? Explain what he or she was like. What about that person's lifestyle was inconsistent with his or her profession of faith? (Has this person ever been you?)
2. How is it possible to be a Christian but not live like one? What are some of the negative effects of such a lifestyle? Of course, none of us can be perfect, so what can we do about our shortcomings?
3. Read Philippians 1:27. The phrase, "live a life worthy of the gospel" can be translated, "live as 'citizens' worthy of the gospel." What are some responsibilities citizens have within a country? What do you think some of our responsibilities are as citizens of heaven?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. What do you think Paul means when he writes that "we died?" What do you think it means to live for Christ?
5. Read Philippians 1:27 (again) and Philippians 2:1-3. How does disunity negatively impact the gospel?
6. Read Philippians 3:17-21 and Philippians 2:14-15. How should Christians live differently than those without Christ? In what ways do you think we can follow the example of Paul? (See 1 Timothy 4:11-12 and 2 Timothy 3:10-11)
7. Read Philippians 2:19-21. What are some of the "interests" of Christ Jesus? What can we practically do to advance Christ's interests?
8. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

## APPLICATION

Have you ever known someone who claimed to be a Christian, but didn't live like one? It's reasonable for people to expect Christians to be, act, and talk a certain way. We represent Christ. We may not ever be perfect, but we can try to follow His example to the best of our ability, and reflect the gospel in the way that we live.

The gospel tells us that God sent his son to be the Savior of the world. Through faith in Him, we receive the gift of eternal life—we are saved. The gospel is a message that has eternal implications associated with it. The message is powerful enough to save any who will believe. Once we've placed our faith in Christ, we want to represent Him. To do that, we must love others and pursue unity, be careful how we live, and focus on serving Him.

## KEY VERSES

- Romans 1:16
- 2 Corinthians 5:15
- Philippians 1:27
- Philippians 2:14-21
- Philippians 3:17, 20-21