**A gospel-centered life in the world and in the church**

Philippians 1:27-2:4

Key verse 1:27a “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

1. What did Paul exhort them to do? (27a) What would be the result when the church lives a gospel-centered life in the world? (27b) What frightened them, while the church lived in the world (28a; 3:2-3) How could they overcome it and what sign does this give? (28b) Why is it so important for the church to strive together as one for the faith of the gospel?
2. In addition to believing in Christ, what else has been granted to us for his sake? (29) What good example did Paul show to them? (30) What do you learn here about how to encourage others in suffering for Christ in the world?
3. How many times is “if” repeated in verse 1 and what does this imply? What have the Philippians received from the Trine God? In light of this, how did Paul ask them to do in the church? (2; 4:2)
4. What did Paul exhort them not to do? (3a) Why are “selfish ambition” and “vain conceit” against the gospel? How should we think of others in relation to ourselves and express this practically? (3b-4) How can we do so? What is humility?