

**Gospel Living (Philippians 1:27-28a)**

The first promise in the Carey Covenant says this: “We promise with God’s help to live a life consistent with the gospel and worthy of those who are members of God’s family, in order to glorify God and uphold the reputation of his church.”

**Introduction**

- What do we need to do if we are to impact society around us?
- What does the first promise from the Carey Covenant want from us?
- Where was Paul when he wrote Philippians?
- What has he covered so far in Chapter 1?

**i Gospel Living**

- What is a literal translation of “whatever happens” at the start of the verse?
- Why does Paul say this?
- How does the gospel relate to Christ?
- What does the gospel give us?
- What did that mean for Christ?
- Is Paul saying here that the gospel is setting up a standard which we need to hit if we want to be saved?
- How can you be saved?
- What must our lives do with the gospel?
- How, then, should the following gospel privileges affect our lives?
  - Our new identity
  - Our new standing
  - Our new allegiance

- Our new life
- Our new hope
- Are you living out the riches which the gospel has given you?
- What do you need to do if you are not doing that too well?

## ii Gospel Unity

- What three expressions in these verses speak about gospel unity?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
- What does the Greek word translated “conduct yourselves” actually mean?
- What is always true about citizenship?
- What, then, does the gospel give us together?
- How should we think of ourselves?
- Do you think of Carey in this way?

## iii Gospel Advancement

- What three things does Paul want from the Philippians in v27b-28a?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
- What does the word translated “contend together” imply?
- What does it mean to contend for the faith of the gospel?
- How do we do that?
- Why is it so important, then, that our lives harmonise with our message?

