

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — June 18, 2023

Sermon Notes

Last Week: “Living as Citizens Worthy of the Gospel: A Study in Philippians —Week 1,”
[Philippians 1](#), by Dr. Brian D. Russell, Professor Biblical Studies,

Asbury Seminary

Old Testament Reading [Psalm 145](#);

New Testament Reading: [Philippians 1:27-30](#)

This Week: “Living as Citizens Worthy of the Gospel: A Study in Philippians —Week 2,”
[Philippians 1](#),

by Dr. Brian D. Russell, Professor Biblical Studies, Asbury Seminary

Old Testament Reading [Isaiah 45:20-25](#);

New Testament Reading: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)

Study Questions for Philippians 2:1–11

- 1) Which experiences/benefits of being in Christ resonate most with you?
- 2) What is the basis for Paul’s present and future joy?
- 3) How does Jesus model living as a citizen of heaven? How does it contrast with our understandings of status, rights, and privilege?
- 4) What does it mean for you that “Jesus Christ is Lord”?

Study Questions for Philippians 2:12–18

- 1) What does it mean to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”? What are your holy habits?
- 2) What is your greatest challenge to living a holy life in today’s world?
- 3) What message(s) do others see/hear from us if they watched us in order to learn the teachings and practice of the Gospel?

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