

“Marks of a Church”
Philippians 1:27-2:4

1. What it does (1:27-30)

A. It proclaims the **gospel**.

1. Jesus is God in the flesh
2. He came to die on the cross for our sins.
3. We accept by faith what Christ has done.
4. We then become disciples of Christ.

B. It's **conduct** is worthy of the gospel.

C. It **contends** for the faith.

D. It embraces **suffering**.

2. What it demonstrates (2:1-4)

A. It demonstrates **love**.

B. It maintains **unity**.

C. Its members put to death **selfish ambition**.

Your responsibility by God's enabling is to consistently apply the divine principles and truth you've heard (Phil. 2:12-20, 1 Tim. 4:7-9, James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself:

?? How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

?? How can I accomplish this change?

?? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?