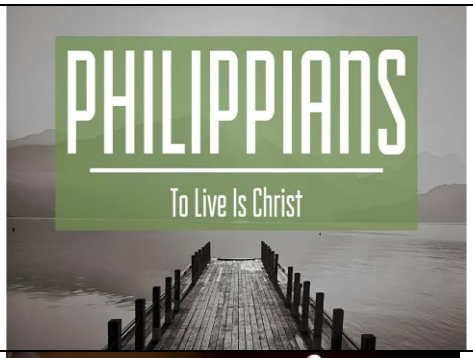
Slide 1		
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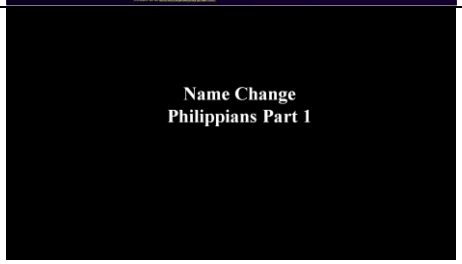
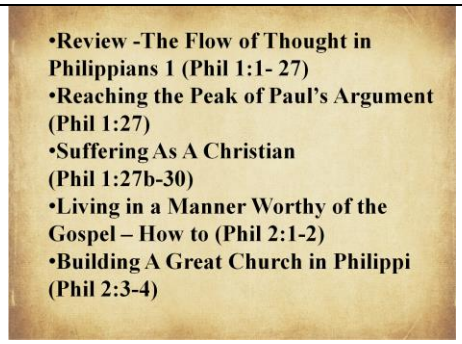
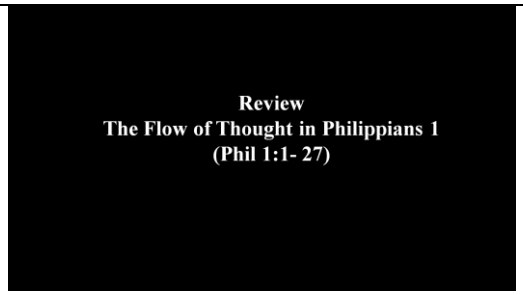
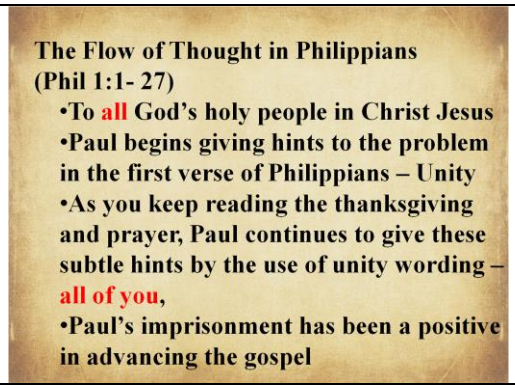
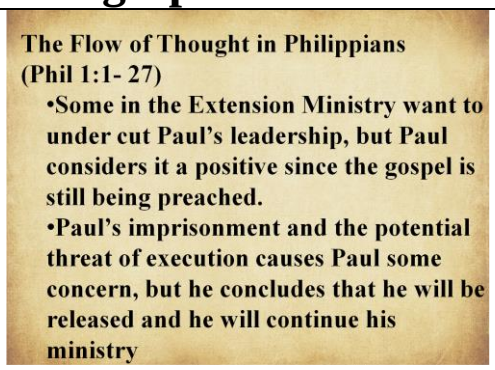
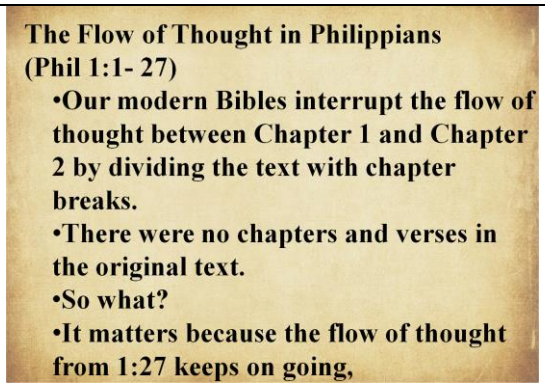
Slide 5		**Name Change Philippians Part 1**

Slide 6	 • **Review -The Flow of Thought in Philippians 1 (Phil 1:1- 27)** • **Reaching the Peak of Paul's Argument (Phil 1:27)** • **Suffering As A Christian (Phil 1:27b-30)** • **Living in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel – How to (Phil 2:1-2)** • **Building A Great Church in Philippi (Phil 2:3-4)**
Slide 7	 **Review -The Flow of Thought in Philippians 1 (Phil 1:1- 27)**
Slide 8	

	The Flow of Thought in Philippians (Phil 1:1- 27) • **To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus** • **Paul begins giving hints to the problem in the first verse of Philippians – Unity** • **As you keep reading the thanksgiving and prayer, Paul continues to give these subtle hints by the use of unity wording – all of you,** • **Paul's imprisonment has been a positive in advancing the gospel**
Slide 9	 **The Flow of Thought in Philippians (Phil 1:1- 27)** • **Some in the Extension Ministry want to under cut Paul's leadership, but Paul considers it a positive since the gospel is still being preached.** • **Paul's imprisonment and the potential threat of execution causes Paul some concern, but he concludes that he will be released and he will continue his ministry**
Slide 10	 **The Flow of Thought in Philippians (Phil 1:1- 27)** • **Our modern Bibles interrupt the flow of thought between**

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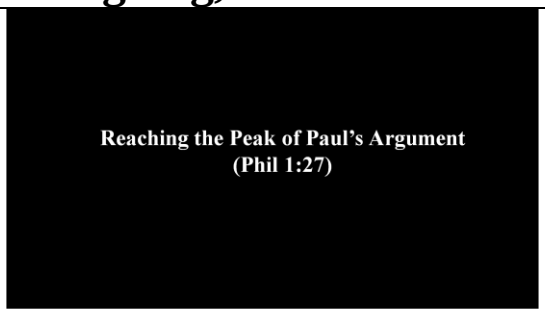
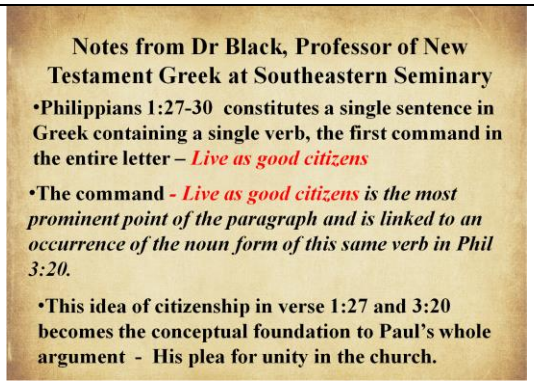
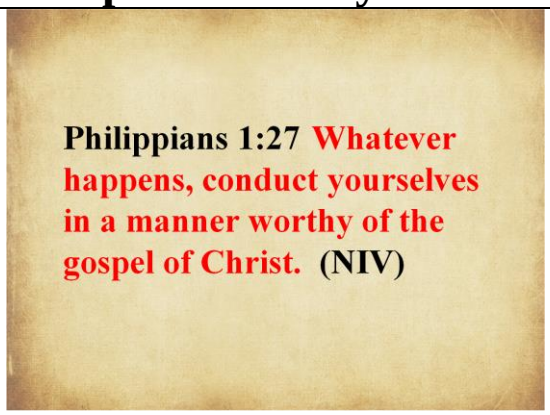
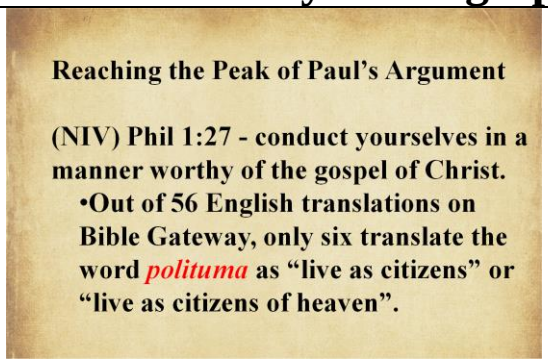
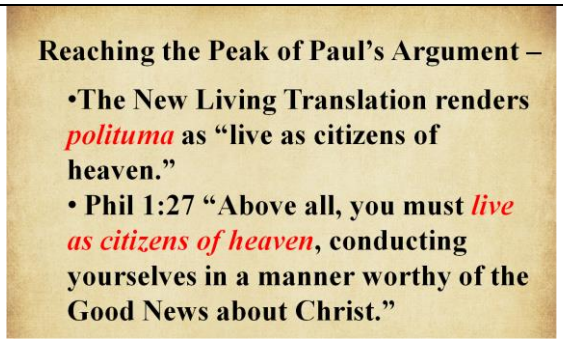
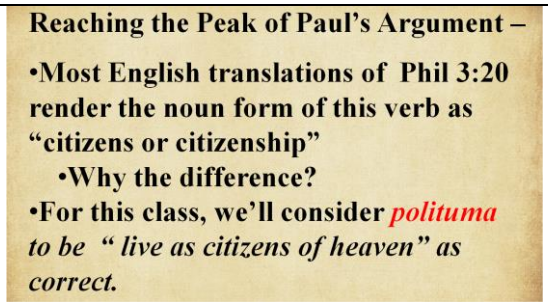
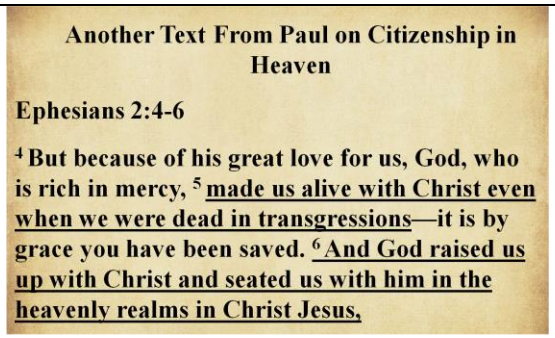
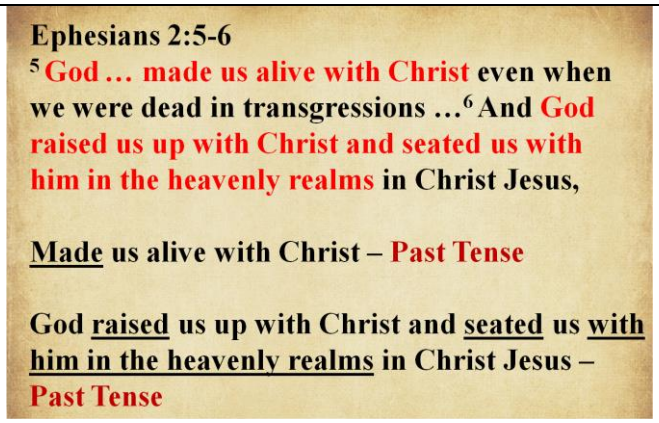
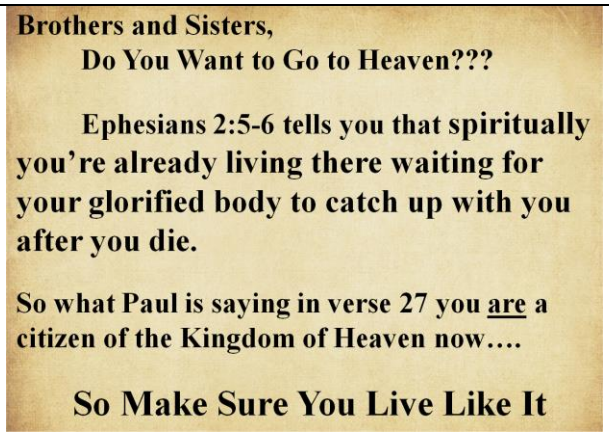
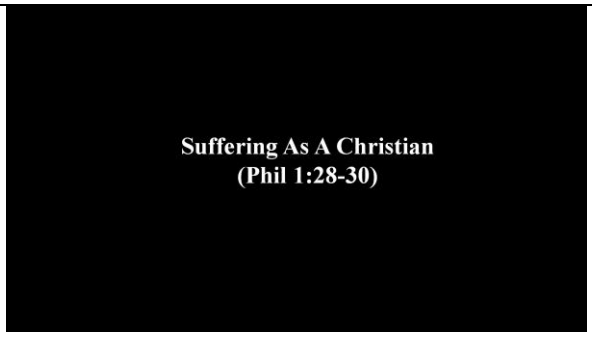
Slide 11	 **Reaching the Peak of Paul's Argument (Phil 1:27)**
Slide 12	 **Notes from Dr Black, Professor of New Testament Greek at Southeastern Seminary** • **Philippians 1:27-30 constitutes a single sentence in Greek containing a single verb, the first command in the entire letter – *Live as good citizens*** • **The command - *Live as good citizens is the most prominent point of the paragraph and is linked to an occurrence of the noun form of this same verb in Phil 3:20.*** • **This idea of citizenship in verse 1:27 and 3:20 becomes the**

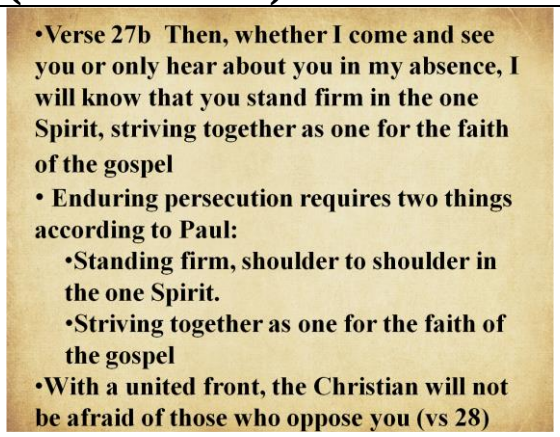
	conceptual foundation to Paul's whole argument - His plea for unity in the church.
Slide 13	 **Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (NIV)**
Slide 14	 **Reaching the Peak of Paul's Argument** **(NIV) Phil 1:27 - conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.** • **Out of 56 English translations on Bible Gateway, only six translate the word *politeuma* as "live as citizens" or "live as citizens of heaven".**
Slide 15	 **Reaching the Peak of Paul's Argument –** • **The New Living Translation renders *politeuma* as "live as citizens of heaven."** • **Phil 1:27 "Above all, you must *live as citizens of heaven*,**

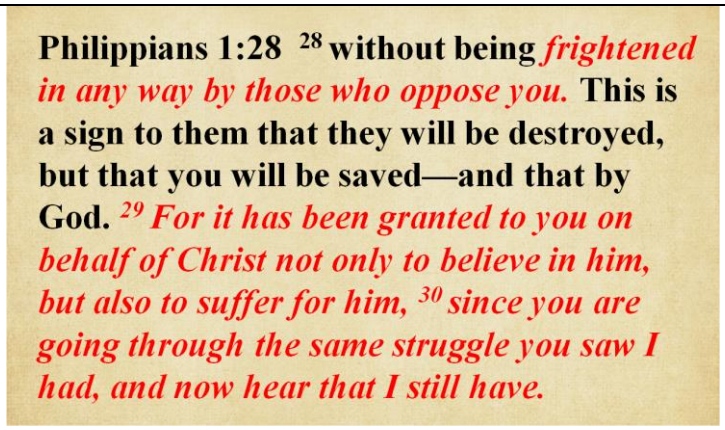
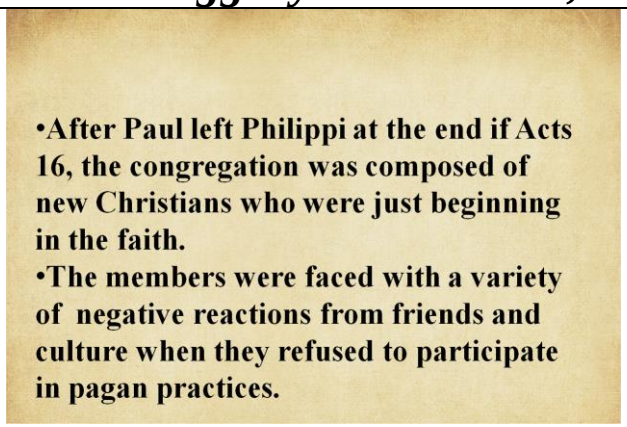
	conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ."
Slide 16	 **Reaching the Peak of Paul's Argument –** • **Most English translations of Phil 3:20 render the noun form of this verb as "citizens or citizenship"** • **Why the difference?** • **For this class, we'll consider *politua to be " live as citizens of heaven" as correct.***
Slide 17	 **Another Text From Paul on Citizenship in Heaven** **Ephesians 2:4-6** **4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,**

Slide 18	 **Ephesians 2:5-6** **5 God … made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions …6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,** **Made us alive with Christ – Past Tense** **God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus – Past Tense**

Slide 19	 **Brothers and Sisters,** **Do You Want to Go to Heaven???** **Ephesians 2:5-6 tells you that spiritually you're already living there waiting for your glorified body to catch up with you after you die.** **So what Paul is saying in verse 27 you <u>are</u> a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven now….** **So Make Sure You Live Like It**

Slide 20	 **Suffering As A Christian (Phil 1:28-30)**

Slide 21	
	• **Verse 27b Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel**
	• **Enduring persecution requires two things according to Paul:**
	  • **Standing firm, shoulder to shoulder in the one Spirit.**
	  • **Striving together as one for the faith of the gospel**
	• **With a united front, the Christian will not be afraid of those who oppose you (vs 28)**

Slide 22	 **Philippians 1:28 [28] without being *frightened in any way by those who oppose you.* This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. [29] *For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, [30] since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.*** **Slide 23**  • **After Paul left Philippi at the end if Acts 16, the congregation was composed of new Christians who were just beginning in the faith.** • **The members were faced with a variety of negative reactions from friends and culture when they refused to participate in pagan practices.**

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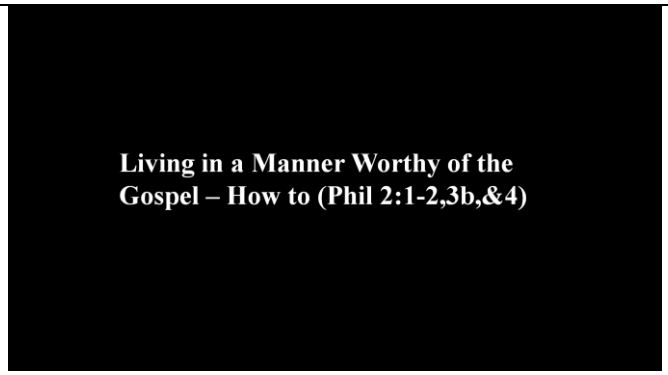
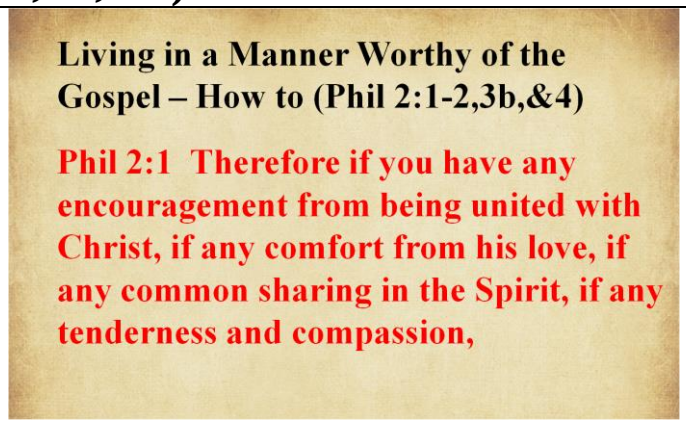
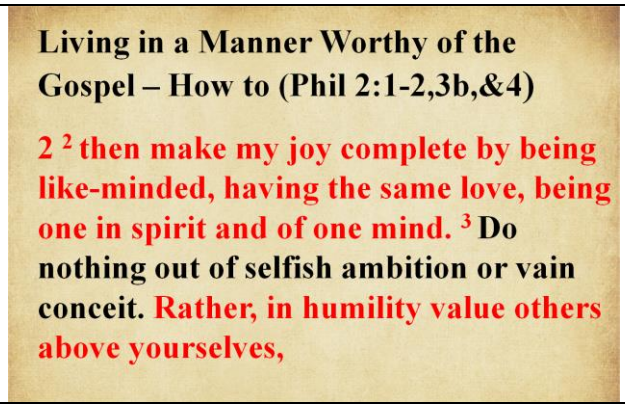
Slide 26	 **Living in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel – How to (Phil 2:1-2,3b,&4)**
Slide 27	 **Living in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel – How to (Phil 2:1-2,3b,&4)** **Phil 2:1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,**
Slide 28	

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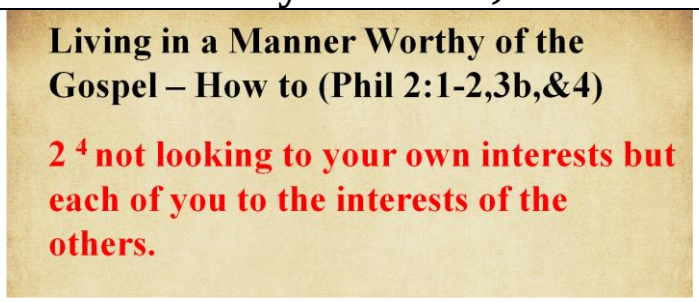
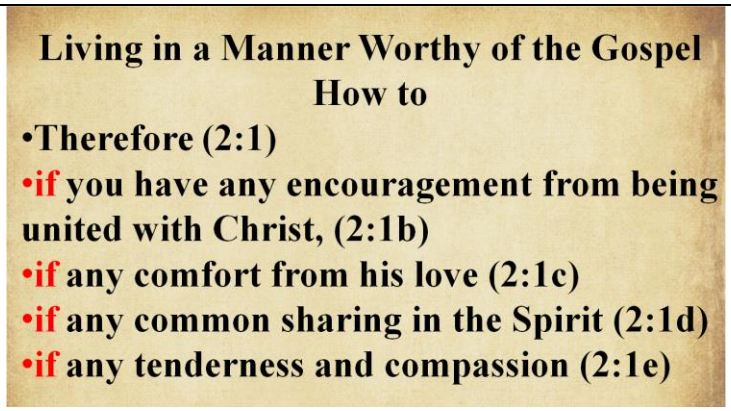
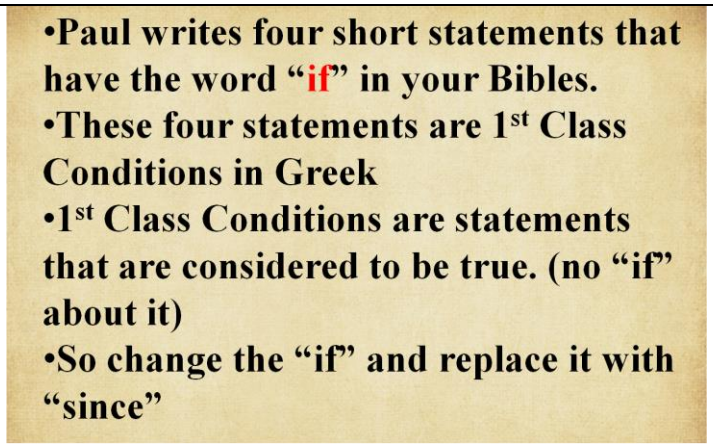
Slide 29	 **Living in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel – How to (Phil 2:1-2,3b,&4)** **2 [4] not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**
Slide 30	 **Living in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel How to** • **Therefore (2:1)** • **if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, (2:1b)** • **if any comfort from his love (2:1c)** • **if any common sharing in the Spirit (2:1d)** • **if any tenderness and compassion (2:1e)**

Slide 31	 • **Paul writes four short statements that have the word "if" in your Bibles.** • **These four statements are 1st Class Conditions in Greek** • **1st Class Conditions are statements that are considered to be true. (no "if" about it)** • **So change the "if" and replace it with "since"**

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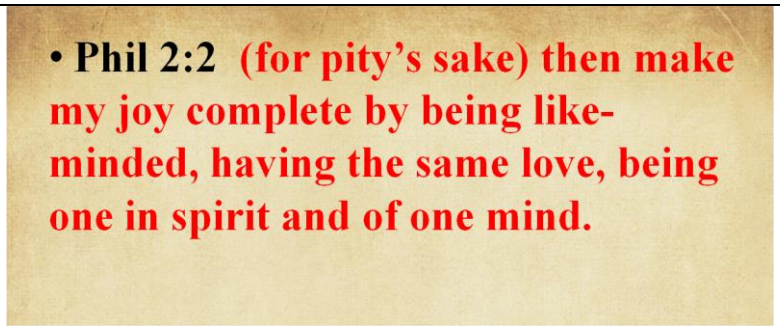
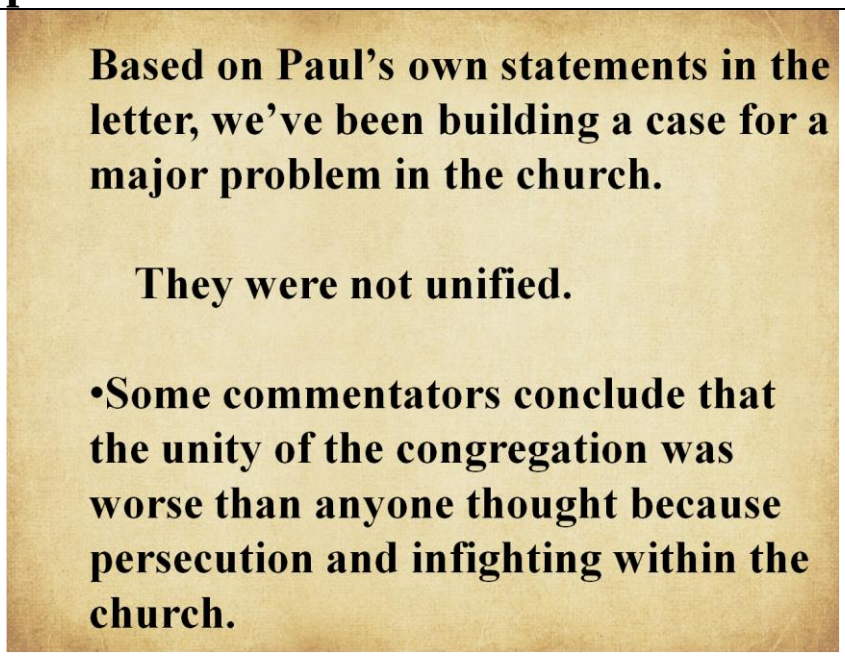
	• **Now let's read Phil 2:1 again:**
	  • **Therefore,**
	  • **Since you all have experienced encouragement from being united with Christ**
	  • **Since you all have experienced comfort from his love**
	  • **Since you all experienced sharing together in the Spirit**
	  • **And since your salvation has filled you with tenderness and compassion**

Slide 33	 **Phil 2:2 (for pity's sake) then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.** **Paul is pleading with the Philippians to wake up to a major problem in the church.**
Slide 34	 **Based on Paul's own statements in the letter, we've been building a case for a major problem in the church.** **They were not unified.** **Some commentators conclude that the unity of the congregation was worse than anyone thought because persecution and infighting within the church.**

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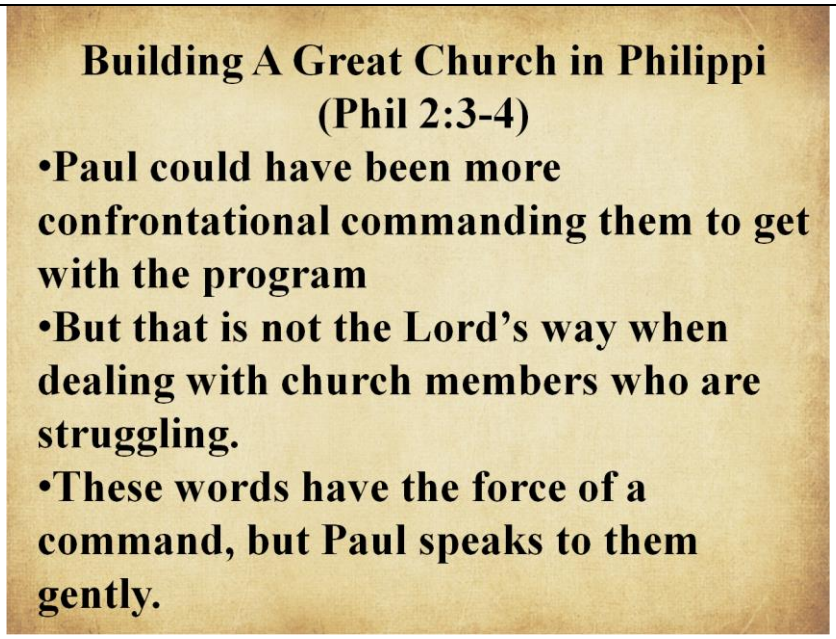
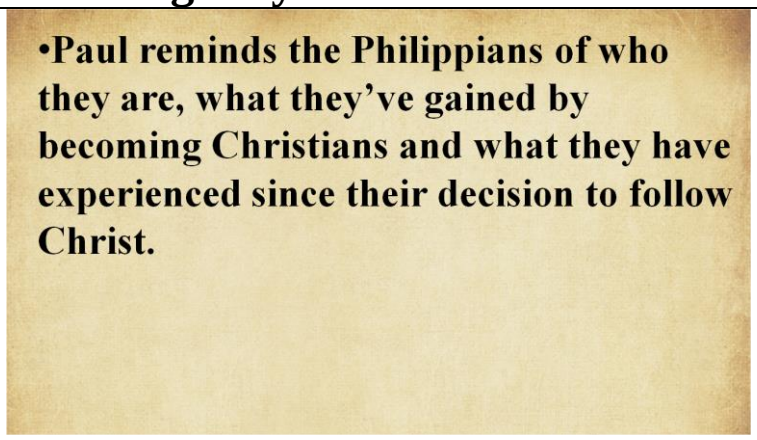
Slide 37	 **Building A Great Church in Philippi (Phil 2:3-4)** • **Paul could have been more confrontational commanding them to get with the program** • **But that is not the Lord's way when dealing with church members who are struggling.** • **These words have the force of a command, but Paul speaks to them gently.**
Slide 38	 • **Paul reminds the Philippians of who they are, what they've gained by becoming Christians and what they have experienced since their decision to follow Christ.**

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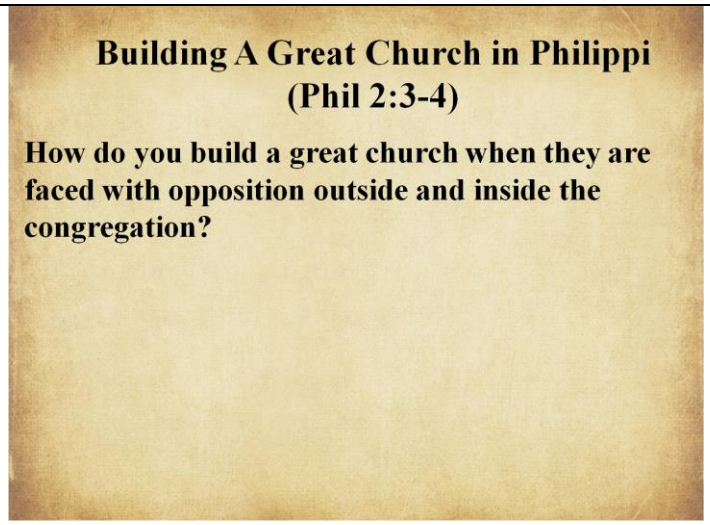

Building A Great Church in Philippi (Phil 2:3-4)
How do you build a great church when they are faced with opposition outside and inside the congregation?

- **You deal with negative attitudes first.**
- **That's what Paul did here.**
- **Paul uses what's called a point counterpoint construction that negates two negative attitudes and replaces them with one positive attitude that Christians should adopt.**

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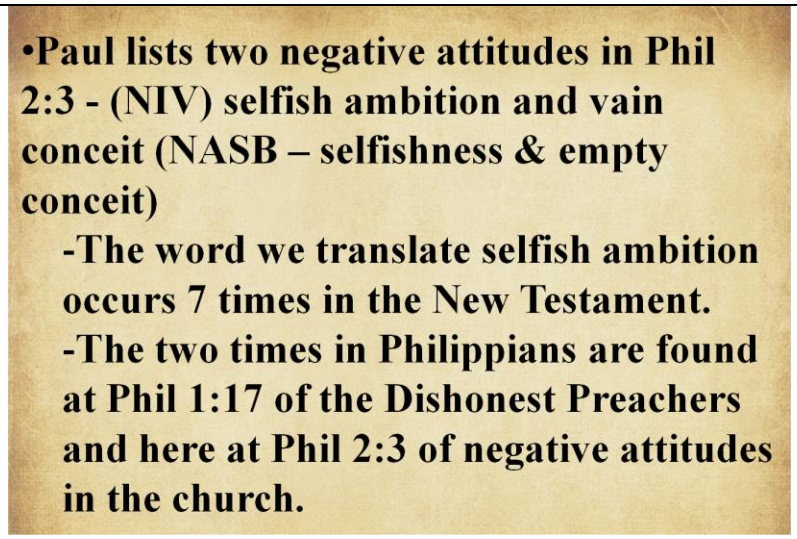
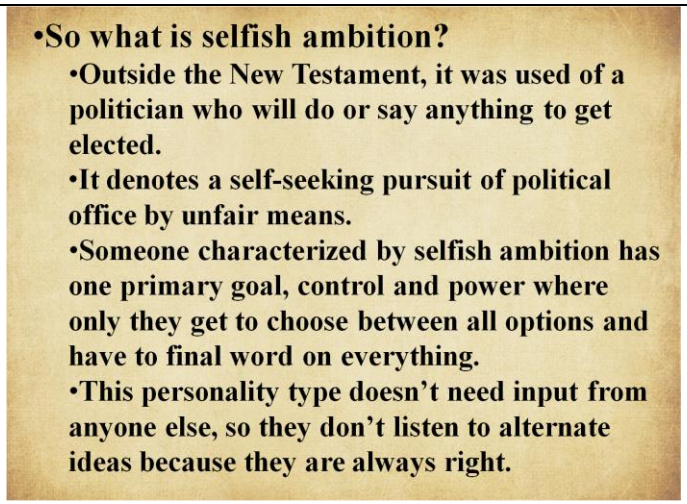
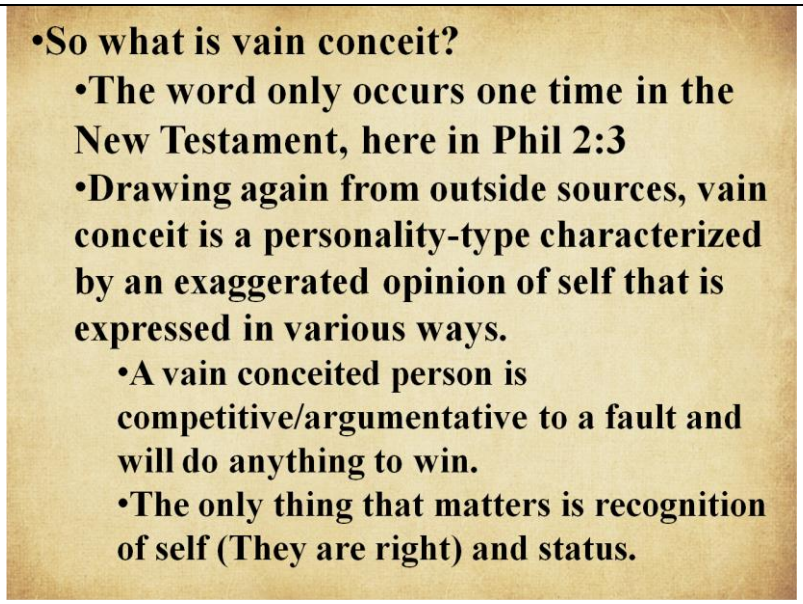
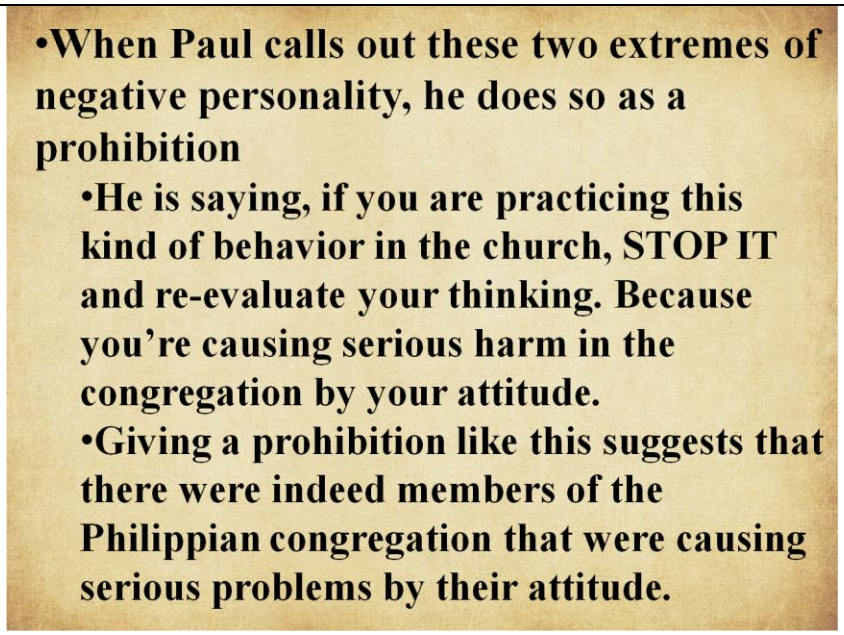


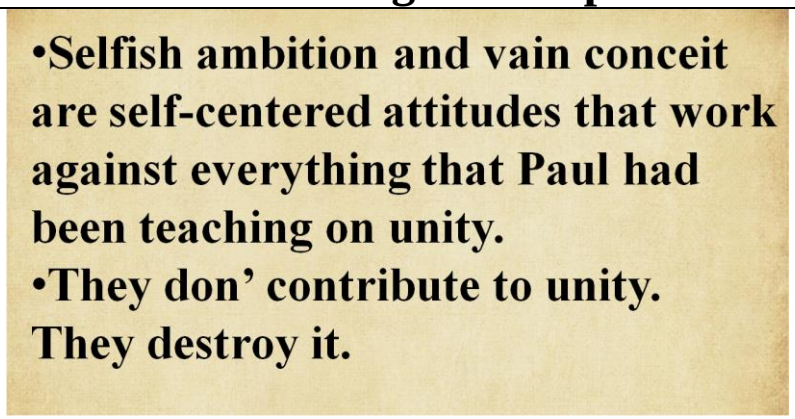
- **Paul lists two negative attitudes in Phil 2:3 - (NIV) selfish ambition and vain conceit (NASB – selfishness & empty conceit)**
  - **The word we translate selfish ambition occurs 7 times in**

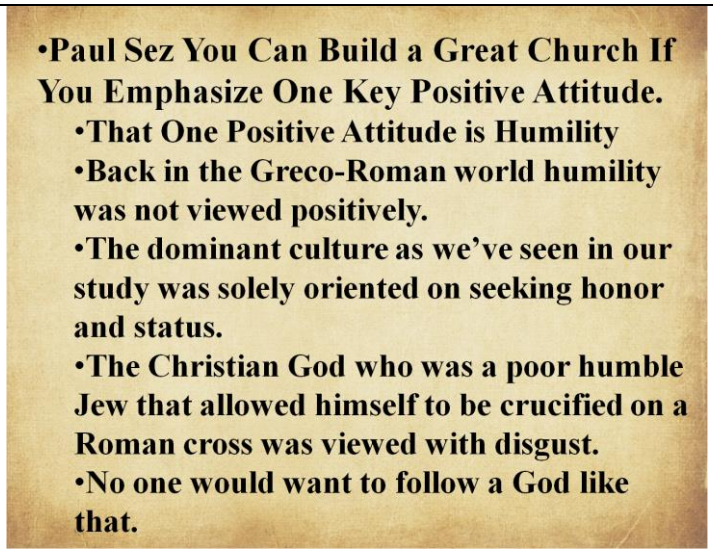
	the New Testament. - **The two times in Philippians are found at Phil 1:17 of the Dishonest Preachers and here at Phil 2:3 of negative attitudes in the church.**

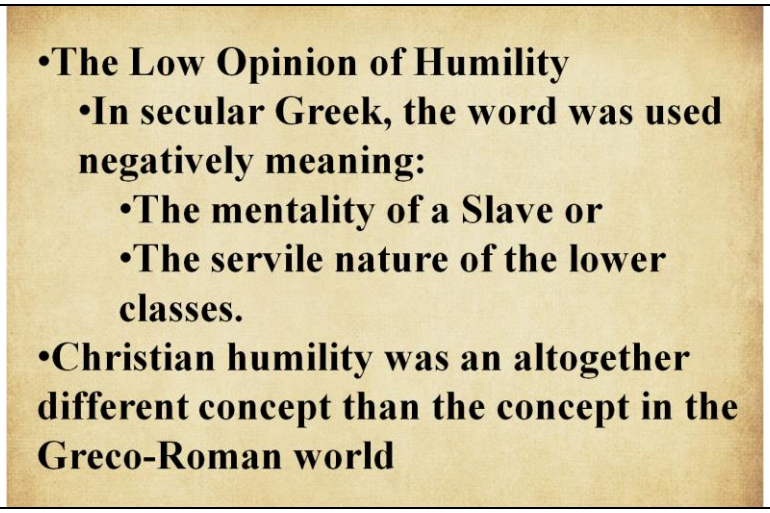
Slide 41	
	• **So what is selfish ambition?**
	  • **Outside the New Testament, it was used of a politician who will do or say anything to get elected.**
	  • **It denotes a self-seeking pursuit of political office by unfair means.**
	  • **Someone characterized by selfish ambition has one primary goal, control and power where only they get to choose between all options and have to final word on everything.**
	  • **This personality type doesn't need input from anyone else, so they don't listen to alternate ideas because they are always right.**

Slide 42	
	• **So what is vain conceit?**
	  • **The word only occurs one time in the New Testament, here in Phil 2:3**
	  • **Drawing again from outside sources, vain conceit is a personality-type characterized by an exaggerated opinion of self that is expressed in various ways.**
	  • **A vain conceited person is competitive/argumentative to a fault and will do anything to win.**
	  • **The only thing that matters is recognition of self (They are right) and status.**
	  • **They want to be on top calling the shots**	

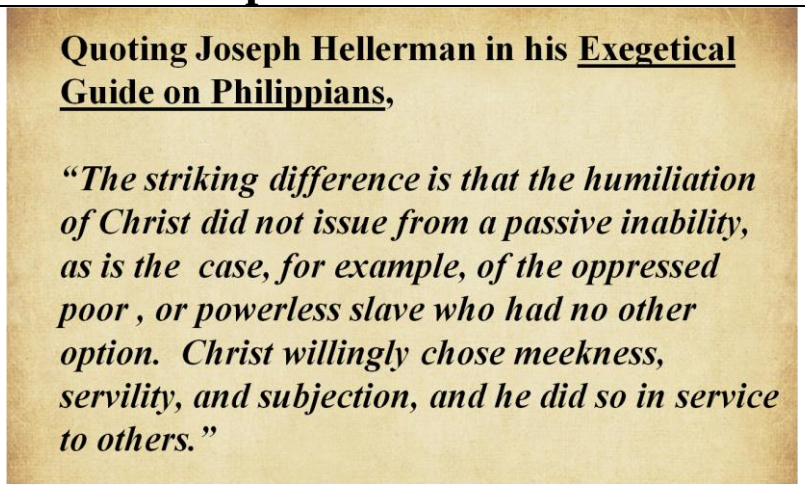
Slide 43	
	• **When Paul calls out these two extremes of negative personality, he does so as a prohibition**
	  • **He is saying, if you are practicing this kind of behavior in the church, STOP IT and re-evaluate your thinking. Because you're causing serious harm in the congregation by your attitude.**
	  • **Giving a prohibition like this suggests that there were indeed members of the Philippian congregation that were causing serious problems by their attitude.**

Slide 44	 • **Selfish ambition and vain conceit are self-centered attitudes that work against everything that Paul had been teaching on unity.** • **They don' contribute to unity. They destroy it.**

Slide 45	
	• **Paul Sez You Can Build a Great Church If You Emphasize One Key Positive Attitude.**
	  • **That One Positive Attitude is Humility**
	  • **Back in the Greco-Roman world humility was not viewed positively.**
	  • **The dominant culture as we've seen in our study was solely oriented on seeking honor and status.**
	  • **The Christian God who was a poor humble Jew that allowed himself to be crucified on a Roman cross was viewed with disgust.**
	  • **No one would want to follow a God like that.**

Slide 46	

	• **The Low Opinion of Humility**
	  • **In secular Greek, the word was used negatively meaning:**
	  • **The mentality of a Slave or**
	  • **The servile nature of the lower classes.**
	• **Christian humility was an altogether different concept than the concept in the Greco-Roman world**

Slide 47	 **Quoting Joseph Hellerman in his Exegetical Guide on Philippians,** ***"The striking difference is that the humiliation of Christ did not issue from a passive inability, as is the case, for example, of the oppressed poor , or powerless slave who had no other option. Christ willingly chose meekness, servility, and subjection, and he did so in service to others."***

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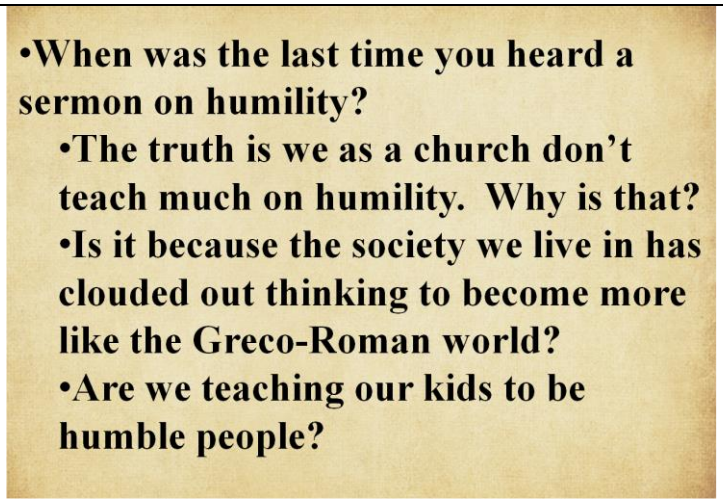
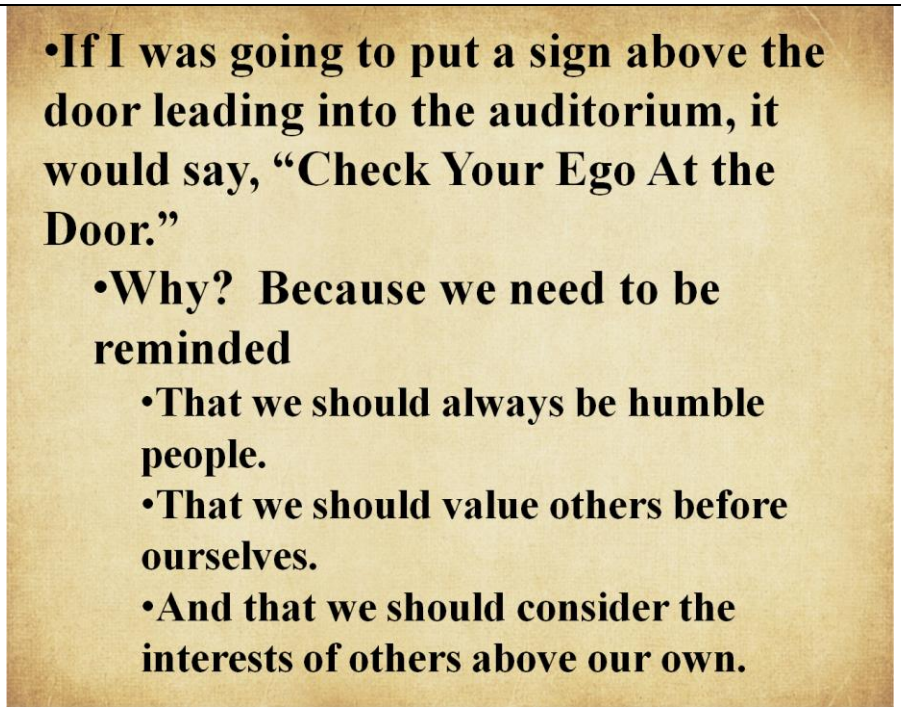
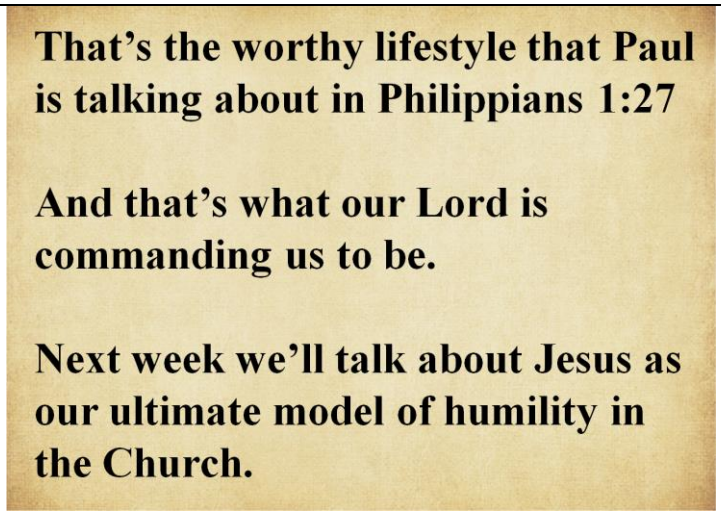
Slide 50	
	• **When was the last time you heard a sermon on humility?**
	  • **The truth is we as a church don't teach much on humility. Why is that?**
	  • **Is it because the society we live in has clouded out thinking to become more like the Greco-Roman world?**
	  • **Are we teaching our kids to be humble people?**

Slide 51	
	• **If I was going to put a sign above the door leading into the auditorium, it would say, "Check Your Ego At the Door."**
	  • **Why? Because we need to be reminded**
	  • **That we should always be humble people.**
	  • **That we should value others before ourselves.**
	  • **And that we should consider the interests of others above our own.**

Slide 52	 **That's the worthy lifestyle that Paul is talking about in Philippians 1:27** **And that's what our Lord is commanding us to be.** **Next week we'll talk about Jesus as our ultimate model of humility in the Church.**	
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