

## Walking by the Spirit—Part 2

### Philippians 4:3-5

#### HOW & WHY our new way of life by the Spirit is possible:

- **Man's Responsibility** (cf. Phil. 2:12)
- **God's Sovereignty** (cf. Phi. 2:13; Eph. 2:8-9)

#### I. P \_\_\_\_\_ & K \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)

- a. **companion** = *Syzygos* (Σύζυγος) = "fellow-worker; companion, comrade, yokemate"
  - i. People have often changed their name after salvation (cf. Gen. 32:29; Acts 4:36)
- b. These ladies were not outsiders, but Believers who had struggled for the Gospel (cf. Eph. 1:4-5; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27)
- c. **help these women**
  - i. These fellow workers have every "right" to be upset, but God calls us to follow His Son (cf. 2 Cor. 1:3-4; Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 5:11; 2 Tim. 4:2)

#### II. J \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4)

- a. We must know WHO God is and WHAT He has done for us (cf. Matt. 25:24; Ex. 34:6-7; 1 John 4:9-10; Acts 16:25)
- b. "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like." (A.W Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*; Reprint; New York: Harper & Row, 1975, 9)

#### III. G \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)

- a. **epieikēs** (ἐπιεικής) = "gentle, gracious, forbearing" (cf. Phil. 2:3-5)