

CONDUCT WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL Philippians 1:27-30

We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Philippians, that we started a few months ago. Thus far, we have studied: **The Joy of Christian Fellowship** (Phil 1:1-11); **Advancing the Gospel** (Phil 1:12-18); and **Focus on the Future** (Phil 1:19-26)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ" (v. 27a)
- B. "Conversation" – citizenship, conduct, behavior, way of life
- C. As Believers, we should always conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Believers are to demonstrate conduct worthy of the Gospel by:

- I. **Standing Firm for the Gospel** (v. 27b)
 - A. Standing Firm means that Believers are to be steadfast
 - B. Standing Firm was used of a soldier who defended his position at all costs, even to the point of sacrificing his life.
 - C. Standing Firm refers to holding onto a Biblical truth, belief, or conviction without compromising, regardless of the cost.
 - D. **Biblical Truths**
 - E. Paul appealed to the Philippians to be consistent in Standing Firm for the Gospel

- II. **Striving Together for the Gospel** (v. 27c)
 - A. "Striving together" means unity, cooperation, working together to advance the truth of God.
 - B. Striving together refers to Believers working together against sin and Satan and his host.
 - C. Believers must strive together "with one mind."

- III. **Suffering for the Gospel** (vv. 28-30)
 - A. Paul instructed the Philippians to be courageous and fearless in the presence of their enemies (v. 28).
 - B. As Believers in a sinful world, people oppose our stand for Christ and righteousness.
 - C. Reasons why Believers should not be terrified by their enemies
 - D. Paul left the church a great example to follow in bearing persecution (v. 30).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Conduct Worthy of the Gospel: (1) Stands Firm for the Gospel; (2) Strives Together for the Gospel, and (3) Suffers for the Gospel.

B. The ABC's of Salvation

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).