DO YOU HAVE A WORTHY WALK?

(Philippians 1:27-30)

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| | A. The of the believer is a very common theme in Paul's writings, and it is clear that under the direction of the Holy Spirit, it is not for the Christian. (Philip. 1:27a; Eph. 4:1-3; Col. 1:9-10; 1 Thess. 2:10-12) |
| | * What is interesting about the Greek verb translated "conduct yourselves"? |
| | * What is at stake if we choose to not walk in a worthy manner? |
| | B. A yielded and dependant believer should need constant from spiritual leadership, because he/she should be ministering (first and foremost) unto the Lord, who is always watching. (1:27b) |
| | C. We are to in spiritual unity, unfortunately for some believers all they do is stand and nothing else. (1:27c) |
| | D. Paul exhorted the Philippians (and us) to "stand fast in spirit, with mind striving" (Philip. 1:27d; Eph. 4:1-6) |

* What does all of this imply to those in the local church?

| E. | Christians are living in the <i>cosmos</i> of Satan, and as a result we have many or or people as well. (Philip. 1:28a; John 15:18-19; 16:33) |
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| | * What exactly is the "proof of perdition"? (v. 28b) |
| | * How is the opposite true for us believers? (v. 28c) |
| F. | Persecution from this sinful world system should be viewed as for the believer but as a, "for to you it has been granted (charizomai)." (Philip. 1:29 Matt. 5:10-12; Acts 5:41; 1 Pet. 4:12-14) |
| | * While grace is the complete opposite of the way we naturally think, is it safe to assume suffering for Christ is as well? |
| | * How is this very different than suffering the consequences for one's own sinful choices in life? |
| G. | The same "" (agona) that the Philippians experiencially in Paul's life when he initially evangelized their city (Acts 16:19-40), they was now taking place in Rome. (Philip. 1:30) |
| | * What can you personally take to heart regarding Christian unity, and steadfastness? |

* How is this phrase, "the faith of the gospel" to be understood? (v. 27e)