

“DO YOU HAVE A WORTHY WALK?”

(Philippians 1:27-30)

I. INTRODUCTION

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VI. PAUL'S EXHORTATION TO UNITY, FEARLESSNESS AND STEADFASTNESS (1:27-30)

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?

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

E. Christians are living in the *cosmos* of Satan, and as a result we have many _____, like the flesh, the world, and the devil; but also militant _____ or _____ people as well. (Philip. 1:28a; John 15:18-19; 16:33)

* 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 experientially _____ 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?