



Living the Christian Life in a Non-Christian World

Philippians 1:27-30

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Introduction

- Philippians 1:27-30 is actually one, long, single sentence in Greek.
- It is the first paragraph in a section that goes all the way to Phil. 2:16.
- It is called a "hortatory digression" (It's meant to change the way you live.)
- Apparently, there was a need for this message to the Church at Philippi.

Message Section

1. _____ without division.

Philippians 1:27a, NIV - ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct ["politic"] yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...

Philippians 1:27a, NASB - ²⁷ Only [this word points to a singular priority] conduct yourselves [the GK word refers to 'weighing something on a scale;' the idea is that our manner of life should weigh as much as the gospel we claim to be committed to] in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,

Ephesians 4:1 - "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

Colossians 1:10 - "...in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord..."

1 Thessalonians 2:12 - "...urging you to live lives worthy of God..."

2. _____ without compromise.

Philippians 1:27b, NASB - ^{27b} so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm [a Praetorium military term, a close-knit marching formation of 250 elite Romans soldiers; in the Praetorium Guard, you never retreated—that was their vow] in one spirit, with one mind striving [an athletic term, lit., striving as a team toward the goal] together [lit., 'as one soul'] for the faith of the gospel...

3. _____ without fear.

Philippians 1:28, NIV - ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign [GK: *éndeixis*, lit., a finger pointed to the truth] to them that they will be destroyed [GK: *pyro*, "fire"], but that you will be saved [GK: *sōtērias*; lit., "to be delivered from a hopeless predicament"]—and that by God.

4. _____ without shame.

Philippians 1:29–30, NIV - ²⁹ For it has been granted [lit., graciously 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.

Life Application Section

A. It has been graciously granted that we can believe in Him.

"The Gospel" is the Good News that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again (1 Cor. 15:1-8). The message of the Gospel is the Good News that sinners can become the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son (John 3:16). To add anything to the Gospel is to deprive it of its power. We are not saved from our sins by faith in Christ *plus* something else; we are saved by faith in Christ alone. – Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe

B. It has been graciously granted that we can work for Him.

C. It has been graciously granted that we can suffer with Him.

Suffering matures us (James 1:2-4)

Suffering weans us from self-reliance (2 Corinthians 1:9)

Suffering is an evangelistic tool (Philippians 1:12)

Suffering increases our eternal reward (Matthew 5:12)

Suffering helps us minister to others (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Suffering helps keep down pride (2 Corinthians 12:7)

Suffering shows that we belong to Christ (Philippians 3:10)