

07 Philippians 1:27-30

Striving, Standing, and Suffering

1. Phil 1:27 - Our Conversation

- a. "more needful for you" - Paul concludes we are here to spend our lives for others
- b. "conversation" - We can define it here - 2 Cor1:12, Gal 1:13, Eph 2:3, 4:22
- c. Paul starts preaching (stirring to action) which means doctrine is already installed
- d. "whether I come ... or be absent" - in whatever circumstance
- e. "one spirit" - duty, driving force, instruction; "one mind" - passion, desire, will
- f. "striving together" - They are supposed to contend, fight, work, stand - 1 Tim 3:15
 - i. Strife (contention) is of the flesh if it is against the Spirit - Gal 5:17,20
 - ii. We war in the spirit with truth against imaginations to captivate thoughts
 - iii. We do strive - lawfully by right doctrine - 2 Ti 2:5, 2:14, 2:23-24, Eph 6:12
- g. "for the faith of the gospel" - This requires we have a pure, clear, right gospel

2. Phil 1:27-30 - Suffering and Salvation

- a. "in nothing terrified" - there is a doctrinal reason for this Rom 8:39-40
- b. "adversaries" - these would not exist if they were not striving for doctrine
 - i. It will cost you to strive together and stand upon the form of sound words
- c. "evident token of perdition" - They see your position as destroying your life 1Co 15:19
 - i. The evidence they see is physical, natural, caranal, circumstantial
 - ii. You can see their adversarial position to truth is their perdition - 2 Th 1:5-6
- d. "but to you of salvation" - See Christ magnified - and also 2 Cor 2:14-16
 - i. You will be threatened with perdition (before God and men), be persuaded
- e. "to suffer for his sake" - This is a part of being in Christ that people choose to ignore
 - i. Why would God want me to suffer? Answer: you are his body - Col 1:24
 - ii. Suffering can be in nature (chance, life), from sin, or for Christ -Ro 8:18
 - iii. If it is your stupidity that made you suffer - don't blame God. See
 - iv. Those that live godly will suffer the third kind - 2 Tim 3:13, 1 Thess 3:4