

Mini-Series: Our Purpose

Will the Real Church Please Stand

Philippians 1:27-30

Introduction:

Conduct – is personal behavior; way of acting; attitude or demeanor. The conduct of God’s people must reflect who He is.

I. A Command to Focus v.27a

- a. Paul tells the Philippian Church to focus on one thing
- b. Their citizenship in Heaven Phil 3:20

II. Conduct Worthy of the Gospel v.27b

- a. How does a citizen of Heaven conduct himself
 - i. In a manner worthy of the Gospel
 - ii. Consistent with what we know
 - iii. Consistent with what we teach
 - iv. Consistent with what we preach
 - v. Consistent with what we believe
- b. Integrity of the Church is key 2 Cor 5:17

III. Don’t Have Environmental Faith v.27c

- a. Showing faith only when you know other Christians are around
- b. We are to walk worthy of our calling at all times Eph 4:1
- c. 4 characteristics of a Church walking worthy of the faith
 - i. Standing Firm, Unity, Striving, and Suffering

IV. Standing Firm in the Word of God v.27d

- a. Not budging from the truth of God’s Word despite the persecution of evil Eph 6:11-13

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V. In One Spirit and One Mind (Unity) v.27e

- a. This means standing firm together and support one another
- b. One of the greatest challenges in the church Phil 4:2
- c. The remedy is simple Phil 2:3-4

VI. Unity with a Purpose is Required v.27f

- a. Striving together as a team toward the same goal against opposition
- b. Without a common goal no unity

VII. Our Battle is the Faith of the Gospel v.27g

- a. We are in a conflict to preserve and protect the faith from those who attack and destroy
- b. We are in conflict to proclaim and preach the faith to those who reject it

VIII. Don't Be Afraid of the Opposition v.28

- a. God is in control of the opposition
- b. Many tribulations we must endure to see God Acts 14:22

IX. It is a Gift to Suffer for Christ v.29

- a. Only when we suffer for Christ can we rejoice Matt 5:12

X. Never Alone in Suffering for Christ v.30

- a. All faithful servants of the Lord have suffered in His service
- b. It is part of our badge of honor to be counted worthy to suffer for His names sake