



Standing Together in Christ

Philippians 1:27 – 2:11

Week Three

Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.

(Phil. 1:27)

Introduction:

Though Paul was being held under house arrest in Rome he had means of keeping tabs on the churches he planted. Whether it was Timothy, Epaphroditus, Silas or Luke, someone was giving him regular reports (Rom. 1:8; I Cor. 5:1; Gal. 1:6-7; I Thes. 3:6). What made Paul's 'joy complete' (2:2) was knowing that the believers were standing firm in their faith (1:27 - 28).

This is the question we will be examining this morning: ***How can we know if someone is standing firm in their faith in Christ? Paul refers to three indicators of authentic faith:***

1. Conduct that is worthy of the Gospel of Christ (1:27 - 30)

2. Attitude that reflects the Humility of Christ (2:5 - 11)

3. Relationships that evidence the Unity of the Spirit of Christ (2:1 - 4)

Questions for Reflection:

What factors do people often refer to as indicators of faith in another person's life? What does this passage clarify as authentic indicators for a faith that stands firm? Discuss this.



Personal Study Notes

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Exhortation to Christ-like Character

A Unified Stand (1:27-30)

A Unified Mind (2:1-4)

The Example of Christ (2:5-11)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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