

Stand FIRM and Get ALONG ~ Philippians 4:1-5

→ Scripture Reading Phil 3:20-21, 4:1-3

INTRODUCTION

Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

STAND FIRM ~ Philippians 4:1

¹ Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

IMPLICATIONS

→ Because of you are a CITIZEN of Heaven - Do Not GIVE UP

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1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV) Be on your guard; **STAND FIRM in the faith**; be men of courage; be strong.¹⁴ Do everything in love.

NEVER Give Up... LABS

- be on GUARD
- stand FIRM
- be COURAGEOUS
- be STRONG
- do everything with LOVE

→ Because of you are a CITIZEN of Heaven - Be FAITHFUL

Philippians 1:27-28 (NIV) Whatever happens, CONDUCT yourselves in a manner **worthy of the gospel of Christ**. 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**²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you...

Get ALONG in the LORD ~ Philippians 4:2-4

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.

To live above with the saints we love - Oh, that will be glory.
But to live below with the saints we know - Well, that's another story. PTW

³ Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

APPLICATION

¹ ...STAND FIRM in the Lord, dear friends.

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to AGREE with each other IN the Lord.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in HARMONY IN the Lord. (NAS)

To WORK in HARMONY...

- Same GOAL
- Work TOGETHER
- DEFER to Each Other
- Don't Worry about WHO gets the CREDIT

Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV) If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete BY being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in HUMILITY consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of OTHERS.

^{2:5} Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

^{2:6} Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

TAKE AWAY ??

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Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV) Let the PEACE of Christ RULE in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the WORD of Christ DWELL in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you DO, whether in word or deed, do it ALL in the NAME of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.