



***Striving Together for
the Faith of the Gospel***
Philippians 1:27-30

Introduction

- *Part One – Rooted and Grounded in God's Word*
- *Part Two – Centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *Part Three – Growing in Grace Together*
- *Part Four – Striving Together to Fulfill the Great Commission*



Introduction

- Paul's Story and the Philippians' Mission



Conduct and Gospel Advance

- We are permanent citizens of heaven.
- We are temporary citizens (strangers and aliens) of earth.



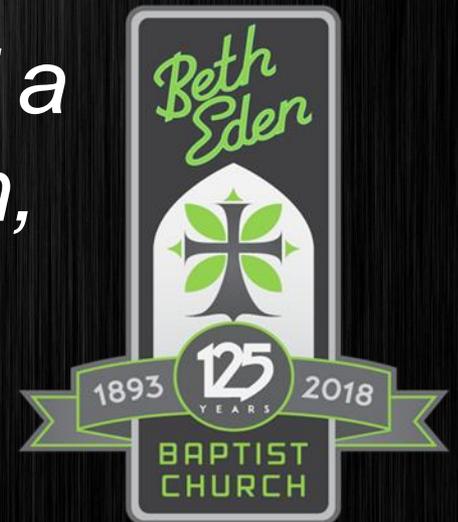
Conduct and Gospel Advance

- We should act like both!
 - Our citizenship should shape our values and treasures.
 - Our citizenship should shape our hopes and dreams.
 - Our citizenship should shape our attitudes and actions.



Conduct and Gospel Advance

- **Bottom Line:** If we long to be a part of gospel advance together, we cannot lose our distinctiveness.
- *Titus 2:14 – Who gave himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.*



Unity and Gospel Advance

- How does Paul develop the theme of unity in Philippians?
- What does it mean to “stand firm in one spirit, with one mind”?
- What erodes unity in a body?
(Eph. 4:11)



Unity and Gospel Advance

- **Bottom Line:** If we long to be a part of gospel advance together, we cannot be sidetracked by petty differences.
- *John 13:35 – By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*



Suffering and Gospel Advance

- We must view suffering as assurance.
(vs.28)
- We must view suffering as privilege.
(vs.29)
- We must view suffering as communion. (vs.30)



Suffering and Gospel Advance

- **Bottom Line:** If we long to be a part of gospel advance together, we cannot be afraid of suffering.
- *II Timothy 3:12 – Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*



Conclusions –

So . . .

1. Am I living my life in a manner worthy of the gospel?
2. Am I standing unified with my brothers and sisters?
3. Am I willing to suffer joyfully for the sake of Christ?



