**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***Ministering to the Needs of God’s Children*** *(Pt 2)*

 **Philippians 1:22-30**

Here Paul addressed ***2*** ***dangers*** that threatened the spiritual health and effectiveness of this young church**:**

**I. The Danger Of From Inside The Church**

**vv 27-28a**

The word translated ***“only”*** is a word that literally means “above all \_\_\_\_\_\_ ***or*** at all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

The Greek word that is translated ***“manner or life”*** is a word that actually means “live as worthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ then you are a citizen of Heaven, so \_\_\_\_\_\_ like it!

**A. As Citizens Of Heaven We Must Stand Together Like In A .**

*(v 27)*

The Greek word that is translated ***“standing firm”*** is a word that actually means “to \_\_\_\_\_\_ one’s ground.”

Here Paul was reminding the Philippians, and the Holy Spirit is reminding us, that we are in a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Theword ***“spirit”*** is not a reference to the Holy Spirit, but rather it’s a reference to a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. As Citizens Of Heaven We Must Work Together Like On A .** *(v 27)­*

The phrase ***“striving side by side”*** comes from a Greek word from which we get our English word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Using the picture of a \_\_\_\_\_\_ sport, Paul says, that’s the way it’s supposed to be in the church.

As believers we must always be aware of the fact that we have an enemy who wants to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us!

**II. Danger Of From Outside The Church**

**vv 28-30**

The wordtranslated ***“frightened”*** is a word that was used in classical Greek to refer to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of startled and terrified horses.

Paul wanted his readers to live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Christ in the midst of opposition and persecution.

Spiritual opposition actually proves ***2*** things**:** ***1)*** *for the* unbeliever, it is proof of their \_\_\_\_\_\_ condition*;* **2)**for the believer, it is proof of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Theword ***“destruction”***is not a reference to extinction or annihilation, but to an everlasting state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and death***.***

The God who gave you the faith to believe will also give you the grace to \_\_\_\_\_\_ any opposition that may come your way.

**Conclusion*:***

***As citizens of Heaven, sometimes we are privileged not just to believe in Christ, but also to*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***for Christ!***

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