

Philippians
41 – Stand Fast in the Lord
Philippians 4:1
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I. Understanding the Text

A. Paul's Connection of Thoughts – Therefore

B. Paul's Affection for the Philippians

1. My Brethren – beloved and longed for
2. My Joy
3. My Crown

C. Paul's Exhortation to the Philippians – So (in this manner) stand fast in the Lord

II. Applying the Text

A. Why the Need to Be Reminded to Stand Fast?

1. Consider that our greatest vulnerability to falling comes at the time, and in the area, that we think ourselves least vulnerable.
2. Consider the fact that in this world we will walk in dangerous places.
3. Consider the pressures brought through the enticements of the world and the prince of this world.
4. Consider the pressures arising from our own carnal desires and thoughts.
5. Consider the pressures applied by false doctrine and wrong concepts of the Christian life.
6. Consider the pressures arising from doing the ordinary and mundane.

B. What are the Keys to Standing Fast?

1. We are enabled to stand fast when we remember our identity and hope as citizens of heaven.
2. We are enabled to stand fast when we stand in love for and unity with the brethren
3. Most importantly, we are enabled to stand fast when we stand in the Lord.