

**PHILIPPIANS**  
**Fearless Gospel Citizenship**  
**Philippians 1:27-30**

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The church is called to live as kingdom citizens in a way that is worthy of the gospel—which includes standing firm by the Spirit, with a readiness to engage the enemy, and contend together for the faith of the gospel.

**1. The church of Christ must recognize that there are \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of the church that will be encountered.**

- a. The church must not be \_\_\_\_\_ by the enemies of God to compromise the faith.
  
- b. The church must not let \_\_\_\_\_ at all deter them from living out their gospel citizenship.

**2. The Lord has given encouragement to the church to \_\_\_\_\_ her in these difficult encounters.**

- a. Believers should recognize that the opposition to the gospel and to the church is evidence that eternal \_\_\_\_\_ awaits the enemies of God.
  
- b. Believers should recognize that perseverance in the \_\_\_\_\_ is evidence of the eternal salvation that God has given in Christ.
  
- c. Believers should recognize that suffering for the sake of Christ is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to His people.

*“Suffering is a gift in that God \_\_\_\_\_ within the horror of persecution to strengthen His people and shape history for His purposes.” - Mark Keown*