

# Philippians Series

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# Stand Fast Philippians 4:1



# Structure of Philippians

## “The Philippian Believers’ Partnership in the Ministry of the Gospel” (Php. 1:5)

### Introduction 1:1–26

Salutation  
1:1–2

Epistolary  
Prologue  
1:3–11

### The Philippian Believers’ Partnership

Partakers 1:7 w/  
4:14

“I long for y’all”  
cf., 1:8 with 4:1  
Love based on  
knowledge,  
Spiritual fruit 1:11

Biographical  
Prologue  
1:12–26

Paul’s example  
advancing the gospel

### Main Body 1:27–4:9

**Opening  
Summary**  
Walk Worthy of the  
Gospel  
1:27–30

### Unity

**Steadfast**  
Against  
enemies of the  
Gospel

**Walk in Unity**  
2:1–30

Be **like minded** based  
on genuine humility;  
2:1–4

Christ Jesus is THE  
example of the mental  
attitude of **humility**;  
2:6–11

Be LIGHT in the dark  
world by **holding fast** to  
the Word of life, 2:12–17

Timothy is **like minded**;  
humble; 2:19–24

Epaphraditus a second  
example; 2:25–30

**Steadfast in Truth**  
3:1–4:1

Rejoice in the Lord\*, 3:1

Reject human  
righteousness; 3:2–6

Things Paul valued are  
dung; 3:7–8  
Only righteousness from  
God through faith in  
Christ has value; 3:9  
Our goal is to know  
Christ; 3:10–11

We are to press on to lay  
hold of that for which  
Christ lay hold of us,

Walk as citizens of  
Heaven, **steadfast**;  
3:18–4:1

Do what Paul taught; 4:2–9

### Epilogue 4:10–20

Php. 4:15 ... no  
church partnered  
with me concerning  
giving and receiving  
but you only.

**Php. 1:5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now**

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[NKJV]**

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**conjunction of result**

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**ἀγαπητός *agapētos*  
masc plur voc (verbal)  
beloved, dearly loved**

**Ἐπιπόθητος *epipothētos*  
masc plur voc (verbal)  
longed for**

**Php. 1:4, “always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, [NKJV]**

**Php. 1:5, “for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,”**

**Php. 1:8, “For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.”**

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*χαρά chara*  
fem sing acc  
joy

*χαίρω chairō*  
2 plur pres act impera  
to rejoice



## Joy

**Php. 1:4, “always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,”**

**Php. 1:18, “What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.”**

**Php. 1:25, “And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,”**

**Php. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”**

**Php. 2:17, “Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.**

**Php. 2:18, “For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.”**

## Joy

**Php. 2:28, “Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.**

**Php. 2:29, “Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;”**

**Php. 3:1, “Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.**

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**Php. 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”**

**Php. 4:10, “But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.”**

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**στέφανος *stephanos* masc sing nom  
crown, a crown of the victor**

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**Two similar uses previously**

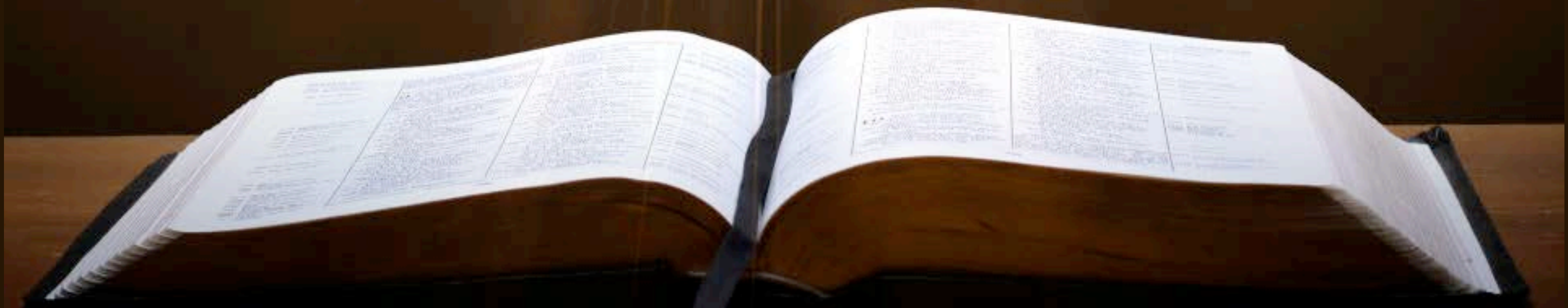
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**Thus it has the idea of some behavior which should be characteristic of those who are “in Christ.”**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**Standing Fast**



# Stand Fast in the Lord

1. We stand in and on the Bible, the biblical teachings, the doctrine “of the faith once for all delivered to the saints.” (Jude 3)

1 Cor. 16:13, “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

γρηγορέω *grēgoreō*  
2 plur pres act impera  
to be alert, to watch,  
to wake up and pay  
attention

στήκω *stēkō*  
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**2. We stand in the traditions, not those of the legalistic religious leaders, not because we always did it that way, but the apostolic traditions, what they taught in person and by letter.**

**2 Thess. 2:15, “Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.”**

**3. We stand fast by means of trusting in God, in His Word.**

**2 Cor. 1:24, “Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.”**

**Psa. 119:42, “So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in Your word.”**

**4. We stand fast in the liberty in Christ, not holding to legalism, or a form of righteousness by works.**

**Gal. 5:1, “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”**

**Matt. 11:29, “ ‘Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

**Matt. 11:30, “ ‘For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.’ ”**

**5. The believer puts on the full armor, the panoply of God, to stand his ground against the assaults of the devil, the world, and his own sin nature.**

**Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”**

**Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”**

**Eph. 6:14, “Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,”**

**6. The reason we must stand is to grow to spiritual maturity and to demonstrate that the will of God is sufficient.**

**Col. 4:12, “Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, for the purpose that you may stand mature and complete in all the will of God.”**

**7. Satan's lie is that the Word of God, the will of God, is not sufficient. We need counseling, we need the discoveries of autonomous science that rejects the data of the Bible, we need the details of life in order to have joy.**

**James 1:2, “My brethren, think it through and conclude that it is all joy when you fall into various trials, [RD]**

**James 1:3, “because you know that the evaluation of what you believe produces endurance.**

**James 1:4, “But let endurance have its complete work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”**

**8. We are not to only stand fast, but stand fast with other believers who think the same way.**

**Php. 1:27, “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”**

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