



SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 – 30



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For centuries, the true church, comprised of those who believe that the Gospel message is by grace through faith... has had to fight two continuous battles, one inside the walls to persevere in the faith, and the other fight, outside of the walls, against the powers of evil.

When the internal battle is not fought...



1 Timothy 6:11 – 12

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.



“Whatever happens...!”

Philippians 1:27

What does it mean to live worthy of the calling of Christ Jesus?

- Ephesians 4:1 – 6
- Colossians 1:10 – 14
- Ephesians 2:19 – 22

It's not just enjoying the privileges that the Gospel affords us, but also the responsibilities of being called by the name of Christ in our banner of **"Christian"**.



"A colony of foreigners whose organization reflects in miniature the polity of the homeland"

They are to be true to their membership of that new city:

"Which has Christ for its king, the Gospel for its law, and the Christian as its citizen".



1 Timothy 6:20 – 21

O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Turn away from pointless empty talk and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge, which some, by professing it, have deviated concerning the faith.



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The world...

- Can't change the truth of the Gospel.
- The world can't replace Christ Jesus as King.
- The world can't deny your citizenship in heaven.

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SUFFERING

Suffering is a gift because, when successfully endured:

- It confirms the future salvation of the believer (v. 28b).
- Is a gift because through it we become identified with Christ's.
- It is redemptive and issued in the resurrection.



**So what about today,
this week, this year?**



Are you aware that many of the struggles you deal with may be Satan...

- Trying to distract you.
- Dissuade you of who you are.
- Make you forget who your King is.
- That your opposition is not the Body of Christ, but the evil in this world that seeks to 'devour and destroy'.

This week, what does your 'good fight' look like?

- In your heart and mind?
- Within your relationships with other believers?
- At work or play...in the world?
- How will you, 'regardless of what happens', contend for the Gospel?

**Will you be convinced
that God, through the
Holy Spirit, can and will
sustain and guide you?**

- Will you trust him and follow his lead?



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