

Citizen Living

Philippians 1:27-30

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1.) Selfless Solidarity (v. 27)

Read verse 27

Read Philippians 2:2-4

"when the unsaved look at the church and do not see holiness, purity, and virtue, there appears to be no reason to believe the gospel it proclaims. When pastors commit gross sins and are later restored to positions of leadership in the church, when church members lie, steal, cheat, gossip, and quarrel, and when congregations seem to care little about such sin and hypocrisy in their midst, the world is understandably repulsed by their claims to love and serve God. And the name of Christ is sullied and dishonored." —John MacArthur

2.) Sovereign Salvation (v. 28-29a)

Read verse 28.

"Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He (God) regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility." —BFM 2000 Article 10

Read Philippians 2:6-8

1 Corinthians 1:18

3.) Specific Suffering (v. 29-30)

Read verse 29-30

2 Timothy 3:12

James 1:2-4

1 Peter 1:6-7

Psalms 119:71

"I've never been ugly to my wife when I've been filled with the Spirit. I've never blown it with my kids when I've been filled with the Spirit. BUT, you couldn't count the number the times I have blown it....when I'm filled with myself. I'm my own worst enemy." —Jono Sims