

Striving & Suffering for Christ

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,

²⁸ and not in any way **terrified** by your adversaries, which is to them a **proof of perdition**, but to you of **salvation**, and that from God.

²⁹ For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also **to suffer** for His sake,

³⁰ having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me.

Notes:

- 1.) Twenty-seven verses into his letter, Paul gives his first _____ or _____.
- 2.) They—we—are told the importance of letting our “conduct be _____ of the gospel of Christ.”
- 3.) To do this, we must act like citizens of _____, not _____.
- 4.) We are to _____ together _____—like _____ athletes—for the _____ sake.
- 5.) Verse 27 begins with, “_____ your _____ be worthy...”
- 6.) What keeps us from behaving properly? _____.
- 7.) He encourages us and then, in essence, says, “If _____ ‘‘_____.’” Phil. 4.13
- 8.) _____ is defined as courage or _____ under authority. This term is used for a _____ horse.
- 9.) In Verse 28, The word translated “terrified” is used of the sheer terror of a _____.
- 10.) The first thing that a panicked horse does is to _____ the _____ of the rider.
- 11.) Paul tells his readers to be “not in any way _____” by their adversaries.
- 12.) This would demonstrate “_____ of perdition,” or forensic _____ to confirm the lost state of their adversaries.
- 13.) When we act courageously and do as God commanded, we are _____ to our adversaries that “Our God is _____ than their god.” (1 John 4.4)
- 14.) Paul tells us in verse 29 that _____ is a gift granted to us.