

Stand for Christ!
Philippians 1:27-30

Main Point:

When you face opposition for the sake of Christ, stand fast and strive together for the cause of the gospel..

1. As believers, your conduct must always be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
2. Worthy conduct will certainly bring opposition into your life.
3. Being opposed for the sake of Christ should actually encourage you.
4. Fearlessly stand fast and strive together for the sake of Christ and His gospel.

Quotes and Cross-References

Sinclair Ferguson “He does not mean that we earn God’s favor, but that our lives should be consistent with the gospel, living illustrations of the gospel’s power.”

Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called. (NKJV)

Philippians 3:20a ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven ... (NKJV)

William Hendriksen “It is as if the apostle were saying, ‘You are Roman citizens and proud of it ... But constantly bear in mind that what matters *most* is the fact that you are citizens of *the kingdom of heaven*. Continue, therefore, to exercise *that* citizenship in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.’”

Sinclair Ferguson “Here we are alien residents and should be easily recognized by the difference in our speech, the customs in our lives, and the fact that we share certain characteristics with other citizens of heaven.”

2 Timothy 3:12 ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (NKJV)

John 15:19 ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson “No matter how gracious we are in our lifestyle, opposition will come, just as it came to Jesus. The question is not whether we will experience it or not, but how we respond to it.”

Sinclair Ferguson “It is not a sign of their greatness and superiority – although they often think it is.”

Sinclair Ferguson “If we are opposed for the sake of Christ ..., it is because we belong to him ... The opposition that might otherwise discourage us actually serves to assure us that we are truly Christ’s. It means that his grace has been seen in our lives!”

William Hendriksen “They must *stand fast* in the Lord, rooted in him, trusting him, loving him, hoping in him, clinging to the traditions, the authoritative teaching which they have received, the *faith* (body of redemptive truth) that pertains to and is revealed in *the gospel* ... There must be no compromise with error.”