

Philippians Series

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Holding Fast to God's Word

Philippians 2:12–16



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Three Stages of Salvation

**PHASE
ONE**

Justification

**Saved from
Penalty of Sin**

“you were saved”

**PHASE
Two**

**Spiritual
Life**

Text

**Saved from
Power of Sin**

“you are being saved”

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification

**Saved from
Presence of Sin**

“you will be saved”



Review

General Outline (2:1–4:1)

- 1A Introduction (1:27–30), live your life worthy of the gospel;**
- 2A Main section: Emphasis on a life characterized by unity (ch. 2) and steadfastness focus (3:1–4:1);**
- 3A Concluding challenge to steadfast thinking and living (4:2–9)**

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2 plur pres mid impera
live as a citizen. In Koine Greek it
had become an idiom for *how
someone lived their life*. cf., Eph.
2:19**

**ἀξίως *axiōs* adverb: in
a worthy manner;
worthily, in a manner
worthy of, suitably,
deserving effort**

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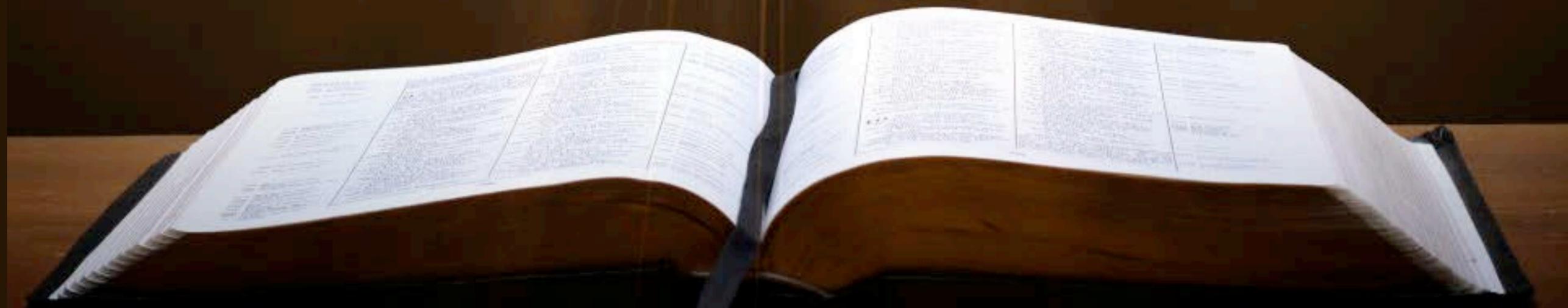
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στήκω *stēkō* 2 plur pres act indic stand firm;

BDAG: ② to be firmly committed in conviction or belief

What the Bible Teaches About

Standing Fast



Standing fast; Standing firm

1. We stand fast in the truth or in the lie.

John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

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2. We stand fast in one spirit. Php. 1:27

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3. We stand fast in the Lord, or by means of the Lord.

Php. 4:1, “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.”

1 Thess. 3:8, “For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.”

Standing fast; Standing firm

4. We stand fast *in the faith*, in our beliefs and application of those beliefs.

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

Standing fast; Standing firm

5. We stand fast *because of God's ability to make us stand.*

Rom. 14:4b, "... Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand."

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6. We stand fast in what the Word of God teaches!

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

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In Ephesians 4:

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- 2. Put up with one another in love, Eph. 4:2b**
- 3. Working hard to maintain the unity of the Spirit.
Why?**
- 4. There is one body, one Spirit, “just as you were called in one hope of your calling.”**

**Humility, not “me first,” not look what they did to me!
Biblical love for one another and anger cannot co-exist!**

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In Philippians 2

- 1. With humility and patience, Php. 2:2, 3**
- 2. Put up with one another in love, the same love, Php. 2:2**
- 3. Working hard to maintain the unity of the Spirit.
“Nothing through self-centeredness,” only in humility;
Php. 2:3**
- 4. There is one body, one Spirit, “just as you were called in one hope of your calling.” “Let this mind be in you which was in Christ.”**

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γογγυσμός goggusmos masc plur gen

griping, complaining, grumbling,

expressing discontent

διαλογισμός dialogismos

masc plur gen

arguing, bickering

The purpose for the second command

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**ἄμεμπτος *amemptos*
masc plur nom
blameless**

**ἄκέραιος *akeraios*
masc plur nom
unmixed, pure, as wine,
metals, b. of the mind, without
a mixture of evil, free from
guile, innocent, simple**

**ἄωμος *amōmos*
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unblemished, spotless**

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**φωστήρ (*phōstēr*), luminary,
brightness**

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be pressed into the mold of acting and thinking like unbelievers (in Adam), but be completely changed, transformed, by the renovation of your thinking, that you may demonstrate that the will of God is good and acceptable and complete.” [RD]

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The “Day of Christ”

