

**HOW IS THE CHURCH TO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF EARTHLY OPPOSITION?
THE MARKS OF AN OBEDIENT CHURCH
Philippians 1:27-30**

- I. **WE ARE LIVE OUR LIVES IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST (27a)**

- II. **WHAT WILL LIVING IN THIS MANNER CORPORATELY LOOK LIKE? (27b-30)**
 - A. There is a **unified standing firm in the truth** against opposition (27b)

 - B. As we stand firm, there is a **striving together for the truth** (27b)

 - C. As we stand firm, there is a **united response to the opposition of the truth (28-30)**
 - 1. **Not being terrified by the fierce opposition... (28)**
 - a) Thus, allowing God to prove they are on their way to destruction

 - b) Thus, allowing God to confirm our salvation

 - 2. But rather **understanding the reason for our suffering: It is for Christ's sake (29-30)**
 - a) God has not just been freely granted us to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him (29)

 - b) This struggle is the same Paul was experiencing (30)