

# STANDING FIRM

Standing Firm Part 1 *Philippians 4:1* Chris Mueller 2017

*Introduction:*

John 16:33 *In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

Ephesians 4:14 *we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming*

**1 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way STAND FIRM in the Lord, my beloved.**

## #1 The REASONS necessary for STANDING FIRM

**Verse 1a Therefore**

## #2 The REASSURANCES of Paul to motivate Standing FIRM

**Verse 1b my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown...**

**1<sup>st</sup> You are intimate \_\_\_\_\_ ... my beloved brethren**

Philippians 1:8 *For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> You are affectionately \_\_\_\_\_ whom I long to see,**

1 Thessalonians 3:6 *... Timothy ... has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us, just as we also long to see you,*

Romans 5:5 *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

## #1 REASONS #2 REASSURANCES, 1<sup>st</sup> FAMILY, 2<sup>nd</sup> LOVED

3<sup>rd</sup> You are eternally \_\_\_\_\_ my joy and crown

1 Thessalonians 2:19 For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation?

Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

3 John 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## #3 The REQUIREMENTS of God to STANDING FIRM

Verse 1c in this way, stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

Galatians 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. 1 Thessalonians 3:8 for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us. 1 Corinthians 15:58 my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 2 Peter 3:17 be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

1<sup>st</sup> STAND FIRM by honoring your status as citizens of \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> STAND FIRM by being unbending on God's \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> STAND FIRM in the \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> STAND FIRM \_\_\_\_\_ as a loving family

### TAKE HOME:

Standing Firm is \_\_\_\_\_

Standing Firm is \_\_\_\_\_ UP

Standing Firm is \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:14 children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 1 Thessalonians 5:14 admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

Standing Firm is \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

1. What kind of attacks and conflicts were going on in Philippi that required Paul to command the saints to STAND FIRM?
2. What is it that the Church today needs to STAND FIRM against?
3. What is it that the Church today needs to STAND FIRM for?
4. What does it look like when a Church is STANDING FIRM?
5. Why is the command to STAND FIRM a plural command?
6. In what areas of your life do you as an individual Christian especially need to STAND FIRM?
7. As you read ahead, what element of standing firm will be most important to you?
8. How do Christians help each other STAND FIRM?
9. What does STANDING FIRM mean in your marriage or in your parenting?
10. What steps can you take to become one who is truly STANDING FIRM?

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