

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) & Philippians 4

Singing: 177:1-3 – 69:1-2 – 275:1-4 – 324:3 – 353:3 - 369

Let's Study Philippians (30)

Intro: Paul again sounds the trumpet call to fight division!

A. He is stirred to repeat this call by his sight of heaven: 3:20-21

B. He is motivated by his great love for the saints: 4:1

<p style="text-align: center;">God's Call to Stand Strong Together</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">I. Why so necessary II. How to accomplish</p>
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I. Why is 'standing strong together' so necessary?

A. Because when we stand united, we become a formidable power

B. Because when we stand united, we strengthen & balance each other

C. Because we face multiple forces out to weaken and defeat souls

1. We face outside *hostile cultural forces*: Eph. 6:12

2. We face inside threat through name-Christians: Phil. 3:4-6 and/or 3:18-19

3. We face our own sinful hearts: 1 Cor. 10:12

II. How to accomplish this call to stand strong?

A. When we see as our combined task (vs. 3)

B. When we make it our combined task (vs. 3)

C. When we learn first to focus more on the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil. 2:5-9)

D. When we focus on the matters of essential truth (Phil. 1:9-11)

E. When we realize unresolved conflicts grows root of bitterness (Heb. 12:14-15)