

PHILIPPIANS... PART VII
Some persecution can be a good thing!
Reference: **Philippians 1:25-30**
Pastor Larry Webb

The congregation at Philippi had been facing persecution, similar to what Paul had been going through. In this section at the end of chapter one, Paul is giving these Christians some practical instructions on how to react to that persecution...

- Paul wanted to hear that the Christians at Philippi were _____
verse twenty-seven, "that you *stand fast*..."
- Paul wanted to hear that it was a _____ stand
verse twenty-seven cont'd, "...that you stand firm *in one spirit*."

The **Big Idea** of this message is that religious persecution can be a good thing... persecution can act as evidence that four things are true:

ONE... persecution is an indication that Christianity's enemies are headed for _____
verse twenty-eight, "and not in any way terrified by your adversaries (means opponents or enemies) which is to them a proof (evidence) of perdition (means destruction)..."

TWO... persecution acts as a sign of a Christian's _____
verse twenty-eight cont'd, "...but to you of salvation, and that from God."

Reference: **II Timothy 3:12**, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus **will suffer persecution.**"

THREE... persecution separates the _____ from the nominal (the men from the boys)

FOUR... persecution ultimately _____ in Satan's face
Reference: the record of church expansion throughout the book of Acts

PHILIPPIANS... PART VII
Some persecution can be a good thing!
Reference: **Philippians 1:25-30**
Pastor Larry Webb

The congregation at Philippi had been facing persecution, similar to what Paul had been going through. In this section at the end of chapter one, Paul is giving these Christians some practical instructions on how to react to that persecution...

- Paul wanted to hear that the Christians at Philippi were _____
verse twenty-seven, "that you *stand fast*..."
- Paul wanted to hear that it was a _____ stand
verse twenty-seven cont'd, "...that you stand firm *in one spirit*."

The **Big Idea** of this message is that religious persecution can be a good thing... persecution can act as evidence that four things are true:

ONE... persecution is an indication that Christianity's enemies are headed for _____
verse twenty-eight, "and not in any way terrified by your adversaries (means opponents or enemies) which is to them a proof (evidence) of perdition (means destruction)..."

TWO... persecution acts as a sign of a Christian's _____
verse twenty-eight cont'd, "...but to you of salvation, and that from God."

Reference: **II Timothy 3:12**, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus **will suffer persecution.**"

THREE... persecution separates the _____ from the nominal (the men from the boys)

FOUR... persecution ultimately _____ in Satan's face
Reference: the record of church expansion throughout the book of Acts