

BALANCING THE SCALE

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- I. Good _____ express their _____.
- II. When _____ tries to _____ us, the _____ brings _____.
- A. Unity means we are _____ with _____.
- B. Sometimes _____ requires _____.
- C. Unity is not the _____ as _____.
- III. When _____ tries to dis-_____ us, the _____ brings en-_____ -ment
- IV. When _____ tries to make us _____, the _____ brings us _____ in _____.
- A. Suffering leads us to _____ in _____.
- B. Suffering leads us to a _____ with _____.
- C. Suffering _____ the _____ of _____.
- Psalm 48:1-2
Phil. 3:20-21;
II Peter 1:3-8
- John 17:20-23
Eph. 2:14-16
Eph. 4:1-6
- Titus 3:9-11
- I Cor. 9:15-16
Rom. 14:13-18
- Acts 16:23-25
Heb. 11:36-38
Phil. 1:20; II Tim. 1:6-7
Prov. 28:1; Acts 7:54-60
- Phil. 2:9; Col. 2:13
Col. 3:13; Acts 5:40-42
Matt. 5:11-12
- Rom. 5:1-5
- I Peter 4:1-2
- I Peter 4:12-14

Philippians 1:27-30 CSB

²⁷Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you on Christ’s behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have.

My Application

Journey Group Questions

1. In what ways do you face the tension of being a citizen of heaven as well as a citizen of an earthly nation? How do you navigate that?
2. How do we discern issues of unity – those things we need to divide over for the sake of unity, and those we need to defer to others over for the sake of unity?
3. Of the three things that suffering attempts in this passage (divide, discourage, doubt), which Gospel solution (unity, encouragement, rest) is most impactful to you? Why?
4. What does it mean to “walk *worthy*” in v. 27? How is this different from how you may have understood it in the past? Can you give an example from your life of “walking worthy of the gospel?”
5. How does the courage of suffering believers become a “sign of destruction and salvation?” (v. 28)
6. Looking back over Philippians 1, how would you summarize its main idea(s) into one