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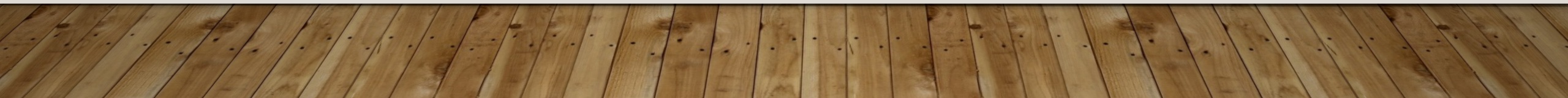
PHILIPPIANS 1:27 BIBLE STUDY

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CONTEXT

- 18 So what? Nevertheless, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and for this I rejoice. Indeed, I will continue to rejoice. 19 For I know that [what has happened to me] will turn out for my salvation, through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in anything, but in all boldness, as always and [especially] now, Christ will be exalted in my body – whether through life or through death. 21 For, to me, to continue living is Christ, and to die is gain. (Php 1:18-21, AT)
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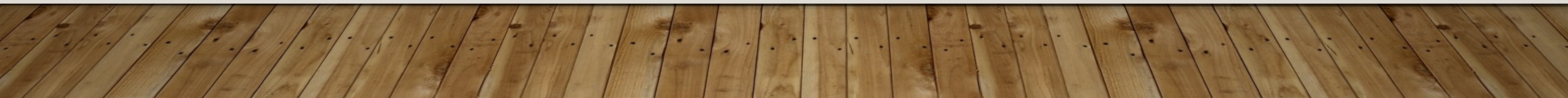


CONTEXT

- 22 And if I continue to live in flesh, this [will mean] fruitful work for me. Yet which will I choose? I don't know. 23 And I am hard-pressed between the two, having great desire to depart and to be with Christ, because it is much more advantageous – 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. 25 And of this I am convinced: I know that I will remain and continue to remain with all of you for your advancement and joy in the faith, so that your basis for boasting may abound in Christ Jesus through me on account of my coming to you again. (Php 1:26, AT)



PHILIPPIANS 1:27 AT

- Only, conduct yourselves as citizens [of Heaven] in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that – whether coming and seeing you or whether being absent – I may hear about you that you stand firm in one spirit, in one mind, contending side by side for the faith of the Gospel.
(Php 1:27, AT)
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PHILIPPIANS 1:27
SAVIOR'S CITIZENS



- 11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to **Neapolis** [**New City**], 12 and from there to **Philippi**, which is a leading **city** [*polis*] of the district of Macedonia and a **Roman colony**. We remained in this **city** [*polis*] some days. (Ac 16:11-12, ESV)

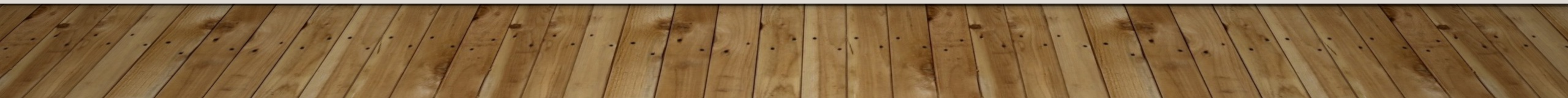


PHILIPPIANS 1:27 SAVIOR'S CITIZENS

- 9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to **walk** in a manner **worthy** of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; (Col 1:9-10, NIV)

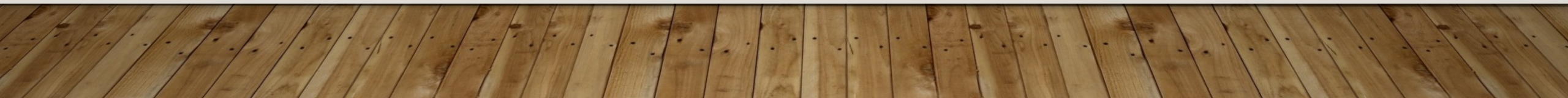


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- 35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, “Let those men go.” 36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace.” 37 But Paul said to them, “They have **beaten us publicly**, uncondemned, men who are **Roman citizens**, and have **thrown us into prison**; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.” 38 The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were **afraid** when they heard that **they were Roman citizens**. 39 So they came and **apologized** to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. (Ac 16:35-39, ESV)
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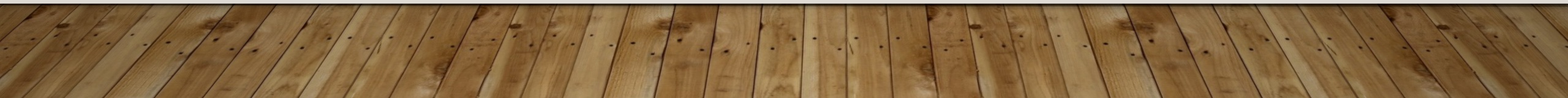


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- 23 And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, 24 the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be **examined by flogging, to find out** why they were shouting against him like this. 25 But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “Is it **lawful** for you to **flog** a man who is a **Roman citizen** and uncondemned?”
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- 26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, “What are you about to do? For this man is a **Roman citizen.**” 27 So the tribune came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a **Roman citizen?**” And he said, “Yes.” 28 The tribune answered, “I bought this citizenship for a large sum.” Paul said, “But I am a **citizen by birth.**” 29 So those who were about to examine him **withdrew from him immediately**, and the tribune also was **afraid**, for he realized that Paul was a **Roman citizen** and that he had **bound him.** (Ac 22:23-29, ESV)
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PHILIPPIANS 1:27
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- You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be **free**. But **do not** use your **freedom** to **indulge the flesh**; rather, **serve** one another humbly in love. (Gal 5:13, NIV)



PHILIPPIANS 1:27 SAVIOR'S CITIZENS

- 18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on **earthly things**. 20 But our **citizenship** [*politeuma*] is **in heaven**. And we eagerly await a **Savior** from there, the **Lord Jesus Christ**, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Php 3:18-21, NIV)



PHILIPPIANS 1:27 UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life **worthy** [*axios*] of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the **unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace**. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:1-6, NIV; cf. 1 Th 2:12)



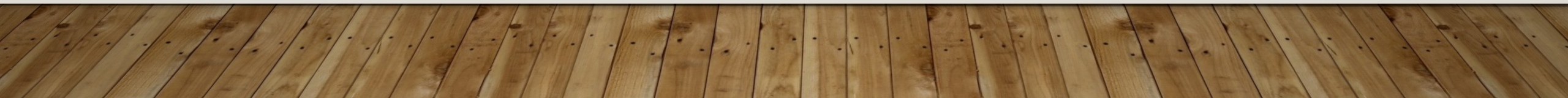
PHILIPPIANS 1:27
WHETHER I'M THERE OR...



- Preach the word! Be ready **in season** and **out of season**.
Correct. Rebuke. Encourage – with great forbearance and
thorough instruction. (2 Tim 4:2, AT)



PHILIPPIANS 1:27 UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus,
 - To all [God's] holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi – [together] **with** the overseers and deacons. 2 [I pray for] Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I [Paul] thank my God whenever I think of **you [all]**. 4 **Always**, in **all** of my prayer for **all of you**, I pray with joy 5 because of your **partnership** in the Gospel from the first day until now, 6 being convinced of this very thing: that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ. (Php 1:1-6, AT)
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PHILIPPIANS 1:27
UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- 7 For it is right for me to have this mindset for **all of you**, because I have **you [all]** in my heart, and in both my chains, as well as in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel, **all of you are my partners** in [God's] grace. 8 For God is my witness that I long for **all of you** with the affection of Christ Jesus. (Php 1:7-8, AT)



PHILIPPIANS 1:27 UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, **stand firm** in the Lord in this way, dear friends!
- 2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the **same mind in the Lord**. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have **contended at my side** in the **cause of the gospel**, along with Clement and the rest of my **co-workers**, whose names are in the book of life. (Php 4:1-3, NIV)



PHILIPPIANS 1:27
STAND FIRM!

- Be on your guard; **stand firm** [*stēkō*] **in the faith**; be courageous; be strong (1 Cor 16:13, NIV)
 - So then, brothers and sisters, **stand firm** [*stēkō*] and **hold fast** to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. (2 Th 2:15, NIV)
 - Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, to **stand**. (Eph 6:13, NIV)
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