

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

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**"Conducting ourselves in a Manner worthy of the Gospel"**

The citizens of heaven should conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ by standing firm in one spirit and one mind.

In order to be described as standing firm we must be striving together for the faith of the gospel.

As we strive together for the faith of the gospel, which is a reasonable and necessary work, we must also understand that it involves hardship (2 Timothy 2:1-3).

In order to be described as standing firm we must in no way be alarmed by our opponents (Philippians 1:28).

As we move out into the world seeking to advance the gospel, striving together for the word of faith, there will be times when we will face opposition (John 16:16-20).

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The word "alarmed" (PTURO) almost always means "to be frightened, terrified, let oneself be intimidated."

If Christians undergoing persecution remain composed, their composure is a sign to them that their persecutors will be damned if those persecutors remain unrepentant (Philippians 1:28).

Our composure is not only a sign to us of the future destruction of our persecutors, it is also a sign to us of our ultimate salvation (Philippians 1:28).

There is no better vehicle to remind us and to reassure us of our ultimate deliverance than our ability to remain composed and persevering under trial (1 Peter 1:3-7).

In light of the terrorist attacks on the United States let us commit ourselves anew to the task of world evangelization.