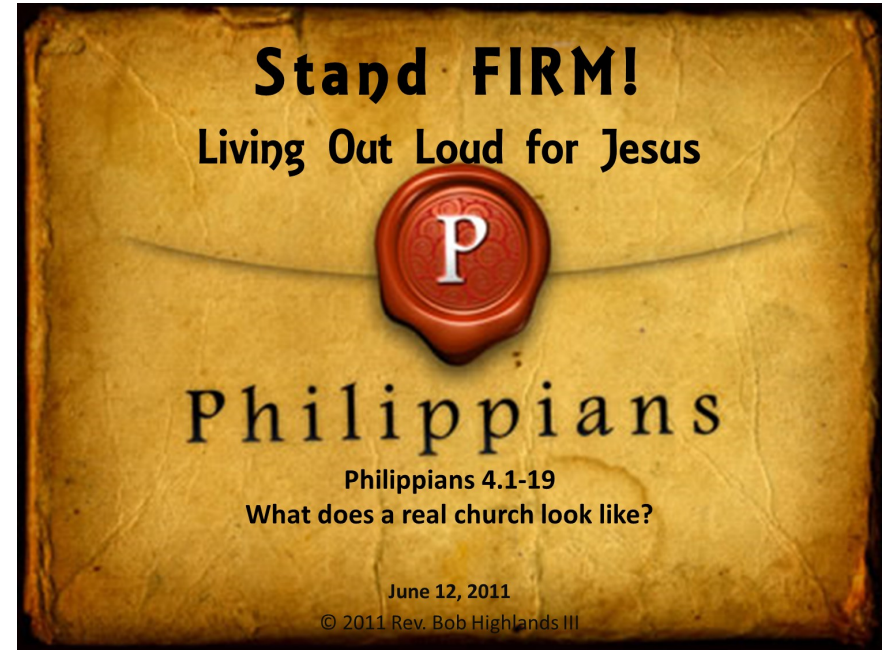


## Additional NOTES



*Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!* Philippians 4.1

### **A Church That is UNITED!**

Read Philippians 4.2-3

- You either Choose Sides or Choose Unity
  - When you choose Sides there is a fight coming and it will be UGLY!
  - Sometimes people just do not agree and there is nothing wrong with that. *4 Ground Rules*
    1. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. \_\_\_\_\_
    3. \_\_\_\_\_
    4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - We are here to help each other as Christian believers. We are not here to take sides!
  - It is about eternal \_\_\_\_\_ not eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

## A Church That Has Joy

Read Philippians 4.4-7

- What bring a church to the place that they experience real Joy and can Rejoice Always?
  1. The LORD comes \_\_\_\_\_ - “The LORD is near.”
  2. They do not \_\_\_\_\_ - Anxious about nothing
  3. They are a \_\_\_\_\_ - with petitions and thanksgiving and requests
  4. They \_\_\_\_\_ God to guard their HEARTS and MINDS and live at peace with one another.

## A Church That Is POSITIVE!

Read Philippians 4.8-9

- Norman Vincent Peale wrote a book “The Power of Positive Thinking.”
- Positive thoughts - means you think of \_\_\_\_\_ on things that are TRUE, NOBLE, PURE, LOVELY, ADMIRABLE, EXCELLENT, PRAISEWORTHY.
- Church members need to be \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- Preachers need to have \_\_\_\_\_ message about the Christian life.
- The response to the message should be \_\_\_\_\_ and produce people who are \_\_\_\_\_ .

## A Church That Is Committed!

Read Philippians 4.10-13

- A church that is committed is not limited by circumstances
  - It is not what you \_\_\_\_\_ but who has you
  - It is not where you \_\_\_\_\_ but who is with you

- It is about being \_\_\_\_\_ no matter what is happening knowing God is in charge of your life and makes no bad choices.

## A Church That CARES!

Read Philippians 4.14-19

- Every church should have a missions heart.
- Missions support comes in expanding layers
  - Local Church... Meeting each others needs and support of the church through time, talents and financial gifts.
  - Local Community... Scouts, Care net, Youth, Women’s shelter
  - State ministry... PNA ministry support
  - National Programs... Church of God Ministries
  - World outreach... Nachtigalls
  - In the first six months of this year we have sent nearly \_\_\_\_\_ to missions at all layers beyond the local church.

## A Church That Stands FIRM!

1. Is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ believers who are looking forward to spending eternal life together.
2. Is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ that they share together often.
3. Is \_\_\_\_\_ and shows the world that Jesus is the best thing that can happen to a person.
4. Is \_\_\_\_\_ for the long haul and is not easily swayed or deterred by changing circumstances.
5. IS a church that \_\_\_\_\_ about others without reservations or regrets.