

A Passionate Love for the Body of Christ

- **PROPOSITION**: In Philippians 4:1—9 Paul teaches us the _____
_____ so that we will not lose our footing during shaky times.

1) Stand Firm by _____(1)

Four results of investing in God's people:

a. They will become _____

b. They will become a _____

c. They will become a _____

d. They will become a _____

2) Stand Firm by _____ (2—3)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see the areas of your life that need change.

1. Explain why our love for others must be grounded in a proper understanding of the doctrine of salvation.

2. Has someone ever disappointed you or hurt you in the church? Do you think that ever happened to the apostle Paul? What must one do if they are hurt or disappointed by someone in the church? What do they need to remember? What are some passages that tell us what we are to do when a relationship is strained with our brother or sister in Christ?

3. If someone came to you struggling with prejudices against people in the church because of the color of their skin or because they have a different nationality, what would you say? How would counsel them and what passages would you use?

4. Why is "loving the brethren" so important? Why is love and unity emphasized so much in the New Testament?

5. What are some additional thoughts and/or application from this morning's lesson? What does this passage teach you about man and about God?

This week's Bible Reading:

<i>Sunday, May 16:</i> 2 Sam 18:19-19:43 Luk 23:13-31	<i>Monday, May 17:</i> 2 Sam 20:1-21:22 Luk 23:32-49	<i>Tuesday, May 18:</i> 2 Sam 22:1-23:7 Luk 23:50-24:12	<i>Wednesday, May 19:</i> 2 Sam 23:8-24:25 Luk 24:13-35
<i>Thursday, May 20:</i> 1 Kgs 1:1-2:12 Luk 24:36-John 1:4	<i>Friday, May 21:</i> 1 Kgs 2:13-3:28 John 1:5-28	<i>Saturday, May 22:</i> 1 Kgs 4:1-5:18 John 1:29-51	<i>Sunday, May 23:</i> 1 Kgs 6:1-7:12 John 2:1-22