

# **GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION**

## **SESSION 2: “STAND FIRM IN THE LORD”**

PHILIPPIANS 3:1 - 4:1

Introduction “In the Lord” - find your joy (3:1)  
find your stability (4:1)

The chapter is built on 3 major contrasts between truth and error, right and wrong.

### 1 FLESH AND SPIRIT (3:2-6)

Three strong warnings (v 2)

Three marks of reality (v 3)

Paul’s personal experience (v 4-6)

## 2 PROFIT AND LOSS (3:7-14)

The old written off (v 7-8)

A new passion (v 8-11) - “the surpassing worth”

- to gain Christ and be found in him (v 8-9)

to know him (v 10)

to share his cross and resurrection (v 10-11)

A new single mindedness (v 12-14) - “I press on ....” (v 12, 14)

“towards the goal” (v 13-14)

## 3 HOSTILITY AND LOYALTY (3:15 - 4:1)

Maturity that fosters unity (v15-17)

Marks of hostility (v 18-19)

Heavenly perspectives (v 20-21)

“Therefore ..... Stand firm thus in the Lord” (4:1)