

**Philippians 4**  
**April 23, 2008**

1. **4:1** As Paul winds down, he writes, “that is how you should stand firm in the Lord.” The NASB translates this statement: “in this way, stand firm . . . .” Paul may be referring to the closing statements of chapter 3 in which he told them to follow his example and to remember their heavenly citizenship. However, he could also be referring to several statements made throughout the letter.

Look back in chapters 1-3 and identify Paul’s instructions to the Philippians that would help them in “standing firm.”

2. **:2-9** List Paul’s instructions from these verses:

3. **:6** Paul writes, “Do not be anxious about \_\_\_\_\_.” Instead he tells them to pray about \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Jesus also addressed the matter of worry in **Matt. 6:25-34**. What types of worry did He specifically mention?

In vs. **30**, what did Jesus say a man lacks if he worries about these things?

In vs. **33**, what did Jesus say to do instead of worrying?

5. **:7** “And the peace of God which \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (The Amplified translation describes the “peace of God” like this: “that tranquil state of a soul assured of its

salvation through Christ, fearing nothing from God, and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort...”)

6. **:8-9** Paul appeals to his readers to think about whatever is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. He also encouraged them to practice what they had \_\_\_\_\_ from him. The result: the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will be with you.
7. **:10** Once more Paul mentions a reason for joy, what was it?
8. **:11-12** According to these verses, what has Paul endured?

What has he learned?

How can Paul have this attitude?

9. **:14-17** Paul’s attitude toward the generosity of the Philippians is similar to that of a parent toward his child. What did he say in this regard?
10. After reading the Philippian letter, what would you say is the most important thing in Paul’s life?
11. Looking back at the letter (**ch. 1-4**), what advice and/or appeals did Paul issue to the Philippians that would also help us “conduct ourselves in a worthy manner” here in our Brentwood Oaks family?