

## Part 24 – Philippians 4:4-9 – Standing Firm in The Lord

### SECOND KEY TO STANDING FIRM IN THE LORD - IS LOVE AND SERVICE TOWARD THE BRETHREN

#### 2 Peter 3:15-16

15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, **wrote to you,**

16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which there are some things that are hard to understand, which the **UNTAUGHT** and **UNSTABLE DISTORT**, as they do also **the rest of the Scriptures**, to their own **DESTRUCTION**.

*So I want to give some attention to the words here:*

**UNTAUGHT**

**UNSTABLE**

**DISTORT**

**the rest of the Scriptures**

the outcome was to **their own DESTRUCTION**

**James 1:5-8** 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, **let him ask of God**, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But he **MUST ask in faith** without any doubting, **for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.**

7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive **anything** from the Lord, 8 **being a double-minded man, UNSTABLE** in all his ways.

That is not the UNITY God is communicating here in Philippians or any of the scriptures for that matter.

### **Galatians 1:6**

6 I am amazed that you are **so quickly deserting Him** who called you by the grace of Christ, **for a different gospel,**

**“deserting Him who had called them by the grace of Christ” = THEM following “a different gospel”?**

*UNITY of itself is not the ISSUE! It is the CONTENT of that UNITY that is the ALL important ISSUE.*

## **2 Corinthians 11:4**

4 For if one comes and preaches **ANOTHER JESUS** whom **we have not preached**, or you receive a **different spirit** which you have not received, or a **different gospel** which you have not accepted, *this* you tolerate *very* well!

## **2 Corinthians 11:4 (NASB 1995)**

4 For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a **different spirit** which you have not received, or a **different gospel** which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.

*Quote from Wikipedia:*

“There are more than 45,000 denominations globally. Followers of Jesus span the globe. But the global body of more than 2 billion Christians is separated into thousands of denominations.”

**Proverbs 23:7** For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

He says to you, "Eat and drink!" But his heart is not with you.

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6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

8 being a double-minded man, **unstable in all his ways**.

**Philippians 4:3** Indeed, true companion, **I ask you also to HELP** these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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## **2. SO THE SECOND KEY TO STANDING FIRM IN THE LORD - IS LOVE AND SERVICE TOWARD THE BRETHREN**

**Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!