

Live as Good Citizens, Worthy of the Gospel of Christ

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; in no way alarmed by your opponents – which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me. (Phil. 1:27-30, NASB)

I. Background

II. Live as good citizens, worthy of the Gospel of Christ. (1:27)

A. This is an important thing to remember.

B. The use of the term citizen.

C. This is a way of life.

D. How do we live as good citizens?
One word with one qualification

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E. Why live in unity in the cause of the Gospel? (1:29)

1. We have been given the gift of faith in Christ.

2. We have been given the gift of suffering for Christ.

III. Where did Paul get this idea of Unity in the Cause of the Gospel?

IV.

1. John 17:20-21

V. Implications of Unity in the cause of the Gospel