

Review

1. Confidence in the Lord
2. Continuity to live for the brethren
 - a. Progress of faith
 - b. Joy of faith
3. Rejoicing in the Lord

Conduct worthy of the gospel

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ,” (Phil 1:27)

1. πολιτεύεσθε ... politeuomai... (English word: politics) behave as a citizen
 - a. Philippi was a Roman colony
 - b. It was necessary for its citizen to abide by Roman rule
 - c. We are also meant to be citizens of heaven
 - d. We are to behave and conduct ourselves well as citizens of heaven

Cf... “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Phil 3:20)

2. As heavenly citizens, we should conduct ourselves worthy of the gospel
 - a. Only... We are to only conduct ourselves worthy of the gospel
 - b. Paul’s example of conducting himself worthy of the gospel...good example to follow
3. How we should live

a. cf. Paul Acts 23:1... “Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, “Men and brethren, I have lived (πεπολίτευμαι τῷ θεῷ) in all good conscience before God until this day.””

b. This is how we should live for Christ
“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Phil 1:21)

A sense of purpose in how we live

“so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs,” (Phil 1:27)

1. The use of the ἵνα... particle ... that ... indicate purpose
 - a. hina would indicate purpose

- b. The brethren were to conduct themselves with a purpose in mind
- 2. εἴτε ...conjunction ... whether ...or
 - a. Whether Paul comes and see them or being absent
 - b. The purpose of his conduct does not depend on whether Paul was there or not
- 3. Paul may hear good things about the Philippian brethren
 - a. He may hear good things about their conduct
 - b. This is was the purpose of Paul's command to conduct themselves...that he would hear a good report

Purpose of our conduct

- 1. Standing together in unity

“that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”
(Phil 1:27)

 - a. στήκετε ... steko... stand, standfast
 - b. In one spirit
 - c. Standing firm in one spirit
- 2. Striving together for the faith of the gospel
 - a. With one soul
 - b. συναθλοῦντες ... sunathleo... sun (with) + athleo (strive, compete) ... strive together...
- 3. For the faith of the gospel
 - a. τῇ πίστει... ho pistis... the faith
 - b. τοῦ εὐαγγελίου... ho euaggelion... the gospel
 - c. The faith...reference to all that has been said about faith...content
 - d. This faith is something that result from the gospel
- 4. We are to strive together with one soul for the faith of the gospel
 - a. The apostle Paul had set the example of how to strive for the faith of the gospel
 - b. The brethren are learning to do this together