

Philippians 1:27 - 2:4 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. 29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, 30 having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

So heavenly minded no earthly good

Philippians 1:19 "Only let your conduct be," or as the RSV has it, "let your manner of life be," is a translation of a single word, politeuomai. By derivation it means "to exercise the rights and duties of a citizen." Paul was saying, "Live your citizen-life." You are a Christian; your citizenship is in heaven (see Phil. 3:20).

I) 1:27 stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel

A) Stand fast-

1) Military concept, Philippi was a Roman colony founded primarily with Roman veterans.

(a) They understood the idea of stand fast

(i) not giving up ground, Not allowing anything to penetrate the lines

(ii) pressing forward, taking the battle forward

- Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

- 2 Samuel 23:9-12 And after him was Eleazar ... <sup>10</sup> He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder. <sup>11</sup> And after him was Shammah ... The Philistines had gathered together ... where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines. <sup>12</sup> But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.

B) With one mind-

1) Singly purposed-

(a) No disputing/ arguing/ in fighting

(b) Being committed to what God wants.

2) What is God's desire?

(a) 2 Peter 3:9 not willing (desiring) that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

(b) One of the greatest lies Satan promotes is that God sends people to hell.

(i) God has done everything possible to save all of mankind

- Eph 2 8-10 by grace been saved through faith and this not of yourself...

- John 3:17-18 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. <sup>18</sup> “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

(ii) God doesn't send people to hell, people send themselves there by ignoring the salvation that is available. He has done all that is needed but will not force someone to spend eternity in heaven if they do not want to.

#### C) Striving together

##### 1) Laboring side by side

(a) Everyone giving everything they have to offer all the time

(b) How often does God get our leftovers??

(i) Tithes often come out of what is left after the other is taken care of instead of first and foremost

(c) Not just tithes but ourselves- Does God get the left over you?? The you that exists after everyone else has had their needs met and drained you dry.

(d) Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

II) not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation

A) In serving God and in pressing forward despite the pressures put against us we show the world Christ.

1) In witnessing Jesus in us the world then becomes convicted of their sinfulness and begins to observe the promise of salvation in us.

2) If we follow Him we will naturally lead others to Him.