

Put on
Display
Chinappens 1:27-30

Philippians

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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.

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- The Internal Display of the Gospel
- The External Display of the Gospel
- The Universal Display of the Gospel

The Internal Display of the Gospel

- Context of the Culture
- Citizenship of the Recipients
- Context of the Letter

The Internal Display of the Gospel

- Context of the Culture
- Citizenship of the Recipients

Politeuomai – “to live as a citizen of”

Polis – City/State

Acts 22:28

‘The commander answered, “I acquired this citizenship with a large sum of money.” And Paul said, “But I was actually born a citizen.’

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“Only, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...” (v.27)

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“Only, *Politeuomai* in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...” (v.27)

The Internal Display of the Gospel: Unity

“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” (v.27-28)

The Internal Display of the Gospel: Unity

“The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”

John 17:22-23

The Internal Display of the Gospel: Unity

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household...”

Ephesians 2:19

The Internal Display of the Gospel: Unity

“Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,”

2 Corinthians 5:18

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Your success is my success

“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

1 John 4:20

The External Display of the Gospel

The External Display of the Gospel: Faith

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“The display of _____ Peace _____ is a promise
of
Destruction
_____ to the unbelieving
world.”

The External Display of the Gospel: Faith

Our salvation is an open accusation to the unbelieving world that they do not believe.

The Universal Display of the Gospel

The Universal Display of the Gospel: Suffering

“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.” (v.29-30)

The Universal Display of the Gospel: Suffering

“Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.”

Matthew 10:28-30

The Endurance of the Church is a Testimony of its Message

The world desires to be rid of the image of God

The world persecutes the church

Persecution draws people to Christ and they gain strength

Persecution amplifies the church's message

Persecution unites the church

Persecution grows, strengthens & magnifies the

Conclusion

Unity is standing and striving together and letting God determine the outcome and response of the watching world.

Unity is Christ's message that he is preaching through a unified body of believers

to you?

Unity is highly valuable to Christ...

