

Understanding your Privileges in Christ

- I. **The Pinpoint Perspective: What are you FOCUSING on? (1:6-11)**
- II. **The Perfect Perspective: How HAS God worked things together for good? (1:12-18)**
- III. **The Prophetic Perspective: God WILL work things together for good. (1:19-20)**
- IV. **The Purposeful Perspective: What is God's purpose for your life. (1:20b-26)**

- V. **The Privileged Perspective: You are privileged, God has given you opportunities (1:27-30)**

A. What should we do? Live worthy of the Gospel of Christ

Let your conduct be worth of the Gospel of Christ (1:27)

1. What is the Gospel of Christ?

- Euangelion:
- Who is Jesus & What did He do?

2. Involves your _____

- Not in the futility of your mind, lewdness, uncleanness, greediness (Eph. 4:17-18)
- Renewed in the spirit of your mind, in true righteousness & holiness (Eph. 4:20-24)
- How is my personal conduct?

3. Involves your _____

- Fellowship means participation in the Gospel (Phil. 1:5)
- What am I participating in?

B. Why should we do it?

1. At Times WE need to be _____ on our _____

- Is there someone who you need to apologize to? (Matt 6:14-15, James 5:16)
- Is there someone you need to forgive? (Eph. 4:32) Are you keeping a record of being wronged? (1Cor. 13:5c)

2. At times, _____ can be _____ by our conduct

So that I may hear of your affairs (1:27c)

- Is your testimony a stepping stone or stumbling block? (Romans 14:13-19, Gal. 5:13)

C. How should we do it?

that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind. (1:27d)

1. _____ as a soldier in the Lord's army (27d)

- In one spirit
- in one mind (soul)

D. Result of doing it?

striving together for the faith of the gospel (1:27e)

1. In every way _____ (27e)

- What does this look like?
- Why? For the faith of the Gospel

2. Not in any way _____ (28)

- Why? Proof of their destruction, Proof of your salvation
- Are you letting intimidation stop you from spreading the Gospel? (2Tim. 1:7, Jer. 1:8)

E. Perspective of doing it? (29)

For to you it has been granted (1:29)

1. It's an _____, because of God's unmerited _____ (29)

- What does this NOT mean?
- What does this mean?

2. Theology of suffering

- May be the result or consequence for our own sin and poor _____ (Gal. 6:6-7)
- May be the result of satanic spiritual _____ (Eph. 6:10-12)
- May occur because we live in a _____ world (Rom. 8:18-23)
- May be the result of _____ (standing fast) (Acts 5, 1Peter 2:19-20;4)

F. Encouragement in doing it (30)

having the same conflict (1:30)

1. We are in this struggle _____

- This is not unique, don't be surprised (1Peter 4:12)
- Others have had the same struggle, Listen to their advice, follow their my example