

Philippians 1:27-2:4
Unified by the Gospel

- I. External unity in persecution (1:27-30)
 - A. The command (v. 27a)
 - “behave like citizens of heaven” (cf. 3:20)
 - B. The desire (vv. 27b-28)
 - 1. That they stand firm (v. 27b)
 - a. In on Spirit
 - b. With one soul
 - 2. That they strive together (v. 27c)
 - for the faith of the gospel
 - 3. That they have courage (v. 28)
 - a. The adversaries’ perspective
 - b. The believers’ perspective
 - C. The reminder (vv. 29-30)
 - 1. What they were given (v. 29)
 - a. To believe
 - b. To suffer
 - 2. What they can expect (v. 30)
 - Conflict
- II. Internal unity in service (2:1-4)
 - A. The motivations for unity (v. 1)
 - 1. Encouragement in Christ
 - 2. Comfort of love
 - 3. Participation of the Spirit
 - 4. Deep affection and compassion
 - B. The mindset of unity (v. 2)
 - 1. Like-minded
 - 2. One love
 - 3. One soul
 - 4. One mind
 - C. The heart of unity (v. 3)
 - 1. Stated negatively
 - a. No selfish ambition
 - b. No empty glory
 - 2. Stated positively – humbly exalt others
 - D. The action of unity (v. 4)
 - 1. Stated negatively – look not to your own interests
 - 2. Stated positively – look out for other’s interests