

Of The Same Mind; Philippians 2:1-3

- I. Worthy
 - A. having worth or value: estimable ¹
 - B. Qualities or abilities that merit recognition
 - C. Philippians 1:27 (ESV); Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,
 - D. Let the qualities we live by be recognizable by God as holy and righteous
 - E. Then Paul gives us some of the results of living by these qualities — standing in one Spirit, striving side by side in one mind, and striving for the faith
- II. One Mind
 - A. Now, we are all different and we can all have a unique take or understanding of some of the harder Scriptures to understand
 1. The last few chapters of Daniel
 2. Ezekiel
 3. Revelation
 4. The apocalyptic books can be difficult to understand — there is a lot of imagery to work through to get to the meaning of the text
 5. Sailing ships
 - B. There are definitely certain things that we have to be unified on
 1. Ephesians 4:1–6 (ESV); ¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
 2. You'll notice that Paul uses the idea of living in a manner worthy of being called a Christian
 3. Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit
 4. to be especially conscientious in discharging an obligation, be zealous/eager, take pains, make every effort ²
 5. One body — the body of Christ, the church
 - a) There are not many, but only one
 - b) Denomination — sectarianism, division, “we’re different so we are going to separate ourselves from the body and worship how we want to”
 6. One Spirit
 - a) The Holy Spirit who dwells within us
 - b) The Holy Spirit who is given to us as a seal of our redemption, a guarantee of our inheritance — who we receive at our baptism
 7. One hope
 - a) In the empty tomb, the resurrection
 - b) 1 Corinthians 15:17–19 (ESV); ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
 8. One Lord

¹ Inc Merriam-Webster, Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary. (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003).

² William Arndt et al., A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 939.

- a) The Messiah, the Christ, the anointed one
 - b) Acts 2:36 (ESV); Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
- 9. One Faith
 - a) The Faith — in God the Father through Jesus the Messiah, His Son
 - b) John 14:6 (ESV); Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 10. One baptism
 - a) 1 Peter 3:21 (ESV); Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
 - b) The Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius and his household and Peter responded
 - c) Acts 10:46–48 (ESV); ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.
- 11. One God
 - a) Mark 12:29 (ESV); Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
 - b) Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy 6:4
- III. Standing Firm
 - A. Standing firm — firmly committed in conviction or belief
 - B. All of us who have the Spirit dwelling in us ought (obligation) to be of one mind and completely committed to the cause of Christ
 - C. in John 6 Jesus feeds 5000
 - 1. In verse 15 Jesus perceives that they are are going to take Him by force and make Him king.
 - 2. This is a perfect opportunity to gather the masses into His ‘camp’
 - 3. John 6:51–54 (ESV); ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
 - 4. John 6:66–68 (ESV); ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,
 - 5. The twelve stood firm!
 - D. We cannot let outside influences deter us from following Christ
- IV. Of The Same Mind
 - A. We must not be divided, but of the same mind
 - B. We must agree on the unity of the Spirit — walking in a manner worthy of the Gospel
 - C. Striving side by side for the Faith