

Citizenship test

1. A shield wall (1:27-28)

Citizen yourself worthily of heaven (1:27)

It's suffering now (1:29-2:1)

Standing firm (on the gospel ch3)

Unity (one mind about the gospel, ch2)



2. Training in Unity (2:1-11)

Humble yourself (2:3-4)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

The Cross is the ultimate humiliation (v5-8). **It's suffering now**

If you're better than Jesus you don't have to put others first (v3-4)

3. Gospel ministry **is suffering now...but it is GLORY later**

The ultimate vindication

Jesus will get back everything he gave up at the cross.