

- How do we respond to God's goodness to us?
- We behave as citizens of his kingdom

1. What does it mean to behave as citizens?

a) We are to stand firm & we are to contend for the faith of the gospel

- We are to be noticeably different from those around us
- We aren't to waver, even if we are opposed
- We are to strive to be Christlike

b) We are to stand in one spirit & contend as one man

- The letter is addressed **to the saints**, not just the leaders
- We are all to play our part
- How can we help our brothers/sisters when things are tough?

c) We aren't to be frightened

- When we face opposition, we aren't to panic
- God Himself is our protector

2. Why are we to behave as citizens?

a) To bring glory to our King

- Many people do not read the gospel
- Their opinion of Jesus is based on how we live

b) It sends out a message - those who oppose us will be destroyed

- They see in us that our King is mighty and powerful
- He brings judgement on all who oppose Him

c) It sends out a message - we will be saved

- Our mighty King will deliver us
- Our deliverance is sure – it is from God

3. What enables us to behave as citizens?

- When we suffer or find it hard to bring glory to Christ, how can we keep going?
- We're to look to Christ – our King
- He suffered horrendously to secure our salvation
- We suffer on His behalf – it is an honour

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