

Apostolic Brotherhood International

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I guess that time is upon us. Is anybody fed up with the campaigning yet? Many think that politics comes from the Greek words "poly" for many and "tics" for blood suckers. That is not true; it comes from the greek root "pol-i-tes" which means to behave as a citizen. In Philippians 1:27 it is translated as your conversation "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ." Indeed I am an American citizen; I was born here. Along with my citizenship come responsibilities. I need to follow the laws of the land, especially the constitution. I should be active in voting for our leaders, and making this the best place to live in the world.

Not only was I born an American, I was born again. This birth is of the water and the Spirit, and is into a heavenly kingdom. Paul exhorts us that our citizenship needs to be as becomes the gospel. There are responsibilities that come with citizenship. I need to live like a citizen of heaven. I must give my loyalty to Jesus, willing giving Him the position of Lord over all my life. I must submit myself to all that becomes the gospel, and live in holiness, and obedience.

In verse 27 Paul also states "that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." The words' striving together is the Greek word from which we get our English word Athlete. I must strive to live for Him as seriously as the Greeks strove in the Olympic Games. We are a team. Jesus is the leader and we must each seek the gift that God has given and then play as team mates. Jesus wants me on His team. He doesn't need me, but I need Him. My greatest desire must not be an easy life, but pleasing my Lord; whatever it takes.

Paul writes in verse 29 "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake." The word suffer is the Greek word pathos, and it is where we get the English word passion. Christians are being killed all around the world in increasing numbers. Here in America Christians are beginning to be persecuted for not following the state religion of sodomy. The right to religion is being restated as the right to worship. That means you can go to church, but if you stand on your beliefs you can be prosecuted. Our president has called America the largest Muslim nation on earth, and it appears he is doing all he can to help that cause. Through all this I must have a passion for the LORD, for the Word. If that means persecution in the near future, I must hold my passion, and pay any price to keep it. The devil knows that his time is short, and he is giving his all to destroy the church, but I believe the church is going out in victory, not defeat. Jesus is coming for a passionate, loyal people.

One more word I would like to look at and that is conflict from verse 30. It is not the Greek word that we are familiar with, but the Latin. The Greek word is agon defined in Strongs concordance as "From G71; properly a place of assembly (as if led), that is, (by implication) a contest (held there); figuratively an effort or anxiety: - conflict, contention, fight, race." The word in Latin is stadium. We are on display, for the world, for all the saints gone on before, for the angels. We must stand firm, even if we don't understand what is going on. The world doesn't hate us; it hates the one we serve. They will do all they can to make us look like the haters, intolerant, bigots. We can't let them tell us love is tolerance for sin, when we know love is respecting and following the Word of God. Love is living and preaching the truth, even when it seems like the world has gone crazy and hates it.

We are citizens of heaven, athletes of the truth, passionate about our Lord, and on display to the world. What an exciting time to live.

- Bro. Ernie Fowler, ABI Minister

Up Coming Events:

ABI
2015 Annual
Christmas Banquet
For
Ministers and their Families

The exact date, time & location for this event are being planned. Once all the planning has been completed and confirmed that information will be in announced following Newsletters as well as on our Facebook page.

Announcements:

Grow The ABI With Us: Do you know a fellow minister looking for Fellowship? We are always eager to find ministers of like, precious faith who are looking for a place of healing, belonging, and fellowship. We believe that through this network of ministers we each help to make the other stronger and more effective in God's Kingdom. You can obtain a copy of the application for License/Ordination for the ABI by going to our website, apostolicbrotherhood.org. If you know someone needing a paper copy please contact Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams for a paper copy.

ABI Evangelists: Please let Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams know when and where you will be preaching. Whether you are preaching one service or a Multi-Day/Night Revival we would like to help get the word out. We want to do everything we can to help make your ministry a success. We will be happy to promote the Revival you are preaching on our FaceBook page, Twitter & in our Newsletter.

Revivals & Church Events: If you have any events that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact Brother Adams by the 25th of the month to insure it is published in upcoming following issue. If you have an event you would like announced on our FaceBook page or Twitter please contact Brother Adams as well

ABI Website: Our Webpage has been updated and will now have a link to Newsletters. Also our Webpage has been updated to add information for Camp Meeting & other events going on around the ABI. Please stop by and take a look at the page & see all the wonderful things the ABI is doing.

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