

## VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Politeuma of Heaven

The Roman colony at Philippi was considered to be a model example of the life and culture of Rome itself.

The residents of Philippi were in reality Roman citizens and possessed all the privileges of that citizenship although living in a foreign land.

As a Roman citizen with *politeuma*, the Philippians enjoyed all the rights and privileges that even the wealthiest around him did not enjoy.

By means of this metaphor, we are now able to visualize the impact of our spiritual *politeuma*.

### The Politeuma of Heaven

The foreign land we live in is the Devil's world.

Heaven is our home country, the location of our Sovereign and our citizenship.

Our *politeuma* privileges are imputed to us from that source by means of faith in Christ.

We take a person's claim to the heavenly *politeuma* at face value, leaving it up to the justice of God to determine its credibility. All citizens of heaven are permanently recorded in the Book of Life at the moment of their spiritual birth.

As Augustus proclaimed Philippi to be a Roman colony in Macedonia following his victory over the Republican Army of Brutus and Cassius at Philippi, so Jesus Christ proclaimed the universal church to be a Heavenly Colony on earth following his victory over Satan on the cross.

We possess the spiritual freedom and plenipotentiary power to utilize our privileges of citizenship under the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Other residents of the colony—unbelievers—do not possess this freedom or power.

Although we are not citizens of this world, we are citizens of the client nation into which we are physically born.

Heaven is our homeland, but the United States is our residence.

We are a colony, not located in Philippi of Macedonia, but in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

We were born physically as US citizens. We were born spiritually as citizens of heaven.

Our responsibilities to both citizenships must be observed.

Under our heavenly *politeuma* we are responsible to execute invisible historical impact in our generation through the function of our priesthood.

Under our national *politeuma* we are responsible to exhibit a lifestyle of Establishment Integrity through the function of our ambassadorship.

In these two ways we are able to positively influence the Zeitgeist of our client nation.

The thing that enabled the Philippian believers to perform these duties was their continued submission to the teaching authority of Paul.

**Philippians 2:12** - So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not in my presence only but also in my absence ...

As a result of their submission to Paul's authority, the truth they accumulated in their streams of consciousness cultivated within them a Christian culture which eventually had an influence on the Empire's Zeitgeist.

The next word in the Greek is going to be studied in detail. The reason is because a thorough understanding of how this word developed within the Greek language will bring into focus all that we have studied on culture, establishment truth, orienteering, ambassadorship, historical impact, and Christian influence on the state.

Once done, it will bring this passage into clear focus and its relationship to our central passage of Romans 13:1 will become obvious.

The word in question is translated into all the English Bibles by two words: "work out." It is the second person, plural; present, middle, imperative of the verb: *katēgazomai* - "work out."