

“PERMANENT PRESS”

“A Passionate Pursuit of the One Thing that Matters”

PART 3

“HEAVEN HELP US!”

**“Living in Light of Our Heavenly Citizenship”
(Philippians 3:17-4:1)**

INTRODUCTION:

LAST WEEK:

ON YOUR MARK,... GET SET,... GROW!

- I must **embrace** the same purpose for which Christ has **embraced** me.
- Most people simply **go** through life. I want to **grow** through life!
- Spiritual Maturity: “A **lifelong, passionate pursuit** of God’s **upward calling** in Christ Jesus, experiencing greater **intimacy** with Him and **conformity** to Him until that day I am **ultimately with** Him and **like** Him.”
- Maturity is His **goal** for me, pursuing maturity is my **gift** to Him.

TODAY:

**WE SHOULDN’T LOOK _____! ...AND WE SHOULDN’T LOOK _____!
BUT WE SHOULD LOOK _____!**

“For our citizenship is in heaven,...”

- We should _____ in _____ with who we are.

1A. THE _____ OF A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN (3:17-19)

1B. The _____ to _____ (v. 17)

“Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.”

“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.”

2B. The _____ to _____ (v. 18, 19)

“For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.”

1C. Their _____.

2C. Their _____.

3C. Their _____.

4C. Their _____.

3B. The Principle to Apply: I _____ like that at which I _____ most intently. Therefore, select your _____ carefully.

2A. THE _____ OF A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN (3:20b)

“...from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...”

- Question: Do I have an eager _____ of the Lord's _____? If not, it may be because I haven't practically _____ my citizenship.

3A. THE _____ OF A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN (3:21)

“...who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”

- The transformation of the body is not an _____, but rather a _____ to the drama of redemption.

4A. THE _____ OF A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN (4:1)

“Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.”

CONCLUSION:

- Live in harmony with your new citizenship, ... _____ the right _____, _____ on Christ's soon _____, and _____ strong.