

Two Wrong Response to Grace – Part 2

Paul's Rejection of Hedonism

Philippians 3:17-4:1

I. Paul's rejection of passivism (vv. 12-16)

A. Paul's example (vv. 12-14)

1. His attitude of humility (vv. 12a, 13a)
2. His action of pursuing Christ (vv. 12b, 13b-14)
 - a. Paul's action (vv. 12b, 14a)
 - b. Paul's reason (v. 12c)
 - c. Paul's method (v. 13b)
 - 1) Not distracted by the past
 - 2) Straining forward to the future
 - d. Paul's goal (v. 14)

B. Paul's exhortation (vv. 15-16)

1. His exhortation for maturity (v. 15)
2. His exhortation for perseverance (v. 16)

II. Paul's rejection of hedonism (3:17-4:1)

A. The antidote for hedonism (v. 17)

- The mindset of an athlete

B. The description of hedonism (vv. 18-19)

1. The walk of hedonism (v. 18)
 - a. Its influence
 - b. Its awfulness
2. The end of hedonism (v. 19a)
3. The desires of hedonism (v. 19b-d)
 - a. Lust of the flesh (v. 19b)
 - b. Pride of life (v. 19c)
 - c. Lust of the eyes (v. 19d)

C. The motivation against hedonism (vv. 20-21)

1. Our current position (v. 20a)
2. Our future hope (vv. 20b-21)
 - a. Our coming Savior (v. 20b)
 - b. Our changed body (v. 21)
 - 1) The substance of that change (v. 21b)
 - 2) The source of that change (v. 21c)

D. The exhortation against hedonism (4:1)

1. The basis for the exhortation – love
2. The substance of the exhortation – “stand fast”