

Series: That We May Know Him

Text: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Main Idea: We live in light of Christ's return.

Title/Hook: Y.O.L.O.?

Date: 11/5/23

Purpose: To encourage Christians to live in light of Christ's return and the promise of resurrection, which should look vastly different than those living for this life only and for the pleasures of the world.

FCF/COR: Human beings live and do what they desire most. Since the fall our God-given desires have been corrupted and we seek to satisfy them in ungodly ways (Our god is our bellis). We need to be given new desires and the hope of restoration rather than destruction.

Christ Trajectory: The death and resurrection of Christ makes us citizens of heaven, and we wait for our Savior from there, and this radically change life here and now.

Apologetic: Do you long for a better hope than "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die?"

Call to Worship: Philippians 4:8

Benediction: Philippians 1:6

Structure: Inductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): What does it mean to imitate Paul and stand firm in the Lord?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): To live as citizens of heaven, not living for earthly pleasures, but waiting for Jesus and the promise of resurrection life.

Exegetical Main Idea: Paul wants the Christians in Philippi to imitate him and stand firm in the Lord by living as citizens of heaven, not living for earthly pleasures, but waiting for Jesus and the promise of resurrection life.

Theological Main Idea: Christians are to live, not for earthly pleasures, but in light of the promise of heaven.

Homiletical Main Idea: We live in light of Christ's return.

Outline:

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1. A mind set on earth brings destruction (vv. 18-19)

Cold Stone picture

Genesis 3:1-6 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:23-24 -²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

2. A mind set on heaven brings hope (vv. 20-21)

1 Corinthians 15:32 - If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

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Luke 12:16-21 - ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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