



August 6, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Philippians 3:17-21 | “No Place Like Home”

Sermon Application Review from Phil 3:12–16

How did you consciously “forget” your past sins and successes?
How did you pursue the prize?

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:17–21

Colossians 3:1–4

Romans 8:5–8

John 18:33–36

1 Thessalonians 1:9–10; 4:13–18

Titus 2:11–14

Corinthians 4:16–5:10

Study Questions

1. Who is currently following your example (3:17)? Who are your disciples? How are they currently impacting God’s kingdom? What must be altered in your life so that others will pattern themselves after you? With whom is God calling you to take a special interest?
2. In what ways are you wrongly influenced by ungodly people (3:18–19)? How do the activities of the ungodly remind you to live for Christ? In what ways are you struggling against the “god [of your own] appetite” (3:19a)? In what way does glorying in shame threaten to enter the church today (3:19b)? How can you help other Christians avoid the behaviors of 3:18–19?
3. How does 3:20–21 contribute to your own sense of identity as a Christ follower? How should the promise of Jesus’ return affect the way you live? How often do you long for Christ’s return?
4. How often do you reflect on your spiritual citizenship and heavenly home (3:20–21)? What do you most anticipate about heaven? How can you spend more time pondering the wonder of the eternal? How would your perspective be different if you lived consistently as a “citizen of heaven”? Who do you know that lives with an eternal perspective? How can this person help you focus on what really matters?
5. In what way does the promise of a transformed body offer you hope (3:21a)? What are you most looking forward to in your glorified body?

Recommended Reading

Michael E. Wittmer, *The Last Enemy: Preparing to Win the Fight of Your Life* (Our Daily Bread, 2012)

Fred Lybrand Jr., *Heavenly Citizenship: The Spiritual Alternative to Power Politics* (Treasure House, 1993)

John Hart, *50 Things You Need to Know About Heaven* (Bethany House, 2014)