



Be Eager for the Future

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

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ENEMIES OF THE CROSS?

An enemy of the cross is someone who rejects Christ's death as _____.

- This is a future headed toward _____, in this life, and in the life to come.
- This is someone controlled by their passions, _____, and desires.
- Something they boast in, glory in, other than Jesus, ends up bringing them _____.

TWO ANTIDOTES

1. Follow the _____ of _____, faithful Christians.
 - Emulate those who eagerly _____ Jesus' _____.
2. Remember your _____ in _____.

A NEW GOAL, A NEW DESTINY, A NEW GLORY

For the Christian:

- Their destiny is their _____ in heaven, not destruction.
- Their "god" is "a _____, Jesus Christ," not their stomach.
- Their glory is no longer a shame, but a _____.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE TWO TRUTHS

1. You need to find _____ to learn from.
2. You need to become a person _____ of _____.
3. At the core of your identity, you are a citizen of heaven _____, and you now bring heaven's _____ and strategies and goals to bear on your own life, and in your situation.

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¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Colossians 3:1-3, 5-9

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God...

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices...

"All their life in this world and all their adventures had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."

- CS Lewis, "The Last Battle"

"Genuine spirituality cannot live long without an attitude that is homesick for heaven, that lives with eternity's values in view, that eagerly awaits Jesus's return, that anticipates the day when Christ himself will "bring everything under his control" and "will transform our lowly bodies to that they will be like his glorious body."

- DA Carson, "Basics for Believers"

*Of this blessed man let this praise be given
Heaven was in him before he was in Heaven.*

- Anonymous Epitaph

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Oh How I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I find You in the seeking
Lord I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else

Chorus

(Oh how I) I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Verse 2

Lord I find You in the morning
Lord I seek You every day
Let my life be for Your glory
Woven in Your threads of grace

Bridge

Light glorious light I will go where You shine
Break the dawn crack the skies
Make the way bright before me
In Your light I will find
All I need all I need is You

CCLI Song # 6369101
David Leonard | Leslie Jordan | Paul Mabury | Stuart Garrard

Great Are You Lord

Verse

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

CCLI Song # 6460220
David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

Verse 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Verse 3

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

CCLI Song # 22609
Louisa M. R. Stead | William James Kirkpatrick

Psalm 73

- ¹ Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.**
- ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.**
- ³ For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**
- ⁴ They have no struggles;
their bodies are healthy and strong.**
- ⁵ They are free from common human burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills.**
- ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
they clothe themselves with violence.**
- ⁷ From their callous hearts comes iniquity;
their evil imaginations have no limits.**

- ⁸ They scoff, and speak with malice;
with arrogance they threaten oppression.**
- ⁹ Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession of the earth.**
- ¹⁰ Therefore their people turn to them
and drink up waters in abundance.**
- ¹¹ They say, "How would God know?
Does the Most High know anything?"**
- ¹² This is what the wicked are like—
always free of care, they go on amassing
wealth.**
- ¹³ Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure
and have washed my hands in innocence.**
- ¹⁴ All day long I have been afflicted,
and every morning brings new punishments.**
- ¹⁵ If I had spoken out like that,
I would have betrayed your children.**
- ¹⁶ When I tried to understand all this,
it troubled me deeply**
- ¹⁷ till I entered the sanctuary of God;
then I understood their final destiny.**
- ¹⁸ Surely you place them on slippery ground;
you cast them down to ruin.**
- ¹⁹ How suddenly are they destroyed,
completely swept away by terrors!**
- ²⁰ They are like a dream when one awakes;
when you arise, Lord,
you will despise them as fantasies.**
- ²¹ When my heart was grieved
and my spirit embittered,**
- ²² I was senseless and ignorant;
I was a brute beast before you.**
- ²³ Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.**
- ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.**
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.**
- ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**
- ²⁷ Those who are far from you will perish;
you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.**
- ²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God.
I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge;
I will tell of all your deeds**