

# PHILIPPIANS

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CHRIST

## Colony of Heaven

Philippians 3:18-4:1

### 1. Philippians 3:18-19; Luke 19:27; Romans 8:6-7; James 4:4

How does scripture describe the enemies of Christ? Would all those described in such a way consider themselves the enemy of God? As Paul delivers this painful truth, what is his emotional state? What does this say about his heart? God's heart? How do these verses offer convicting truth for believers and unbelievers alike?

### 2. Philippians 3:19-20

In these two verses, Paul highlights the stark contrast between those who are enemies of God and those who are citizens of heaven.

Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 13:22; Mark 10:17-23; Luke 4:1-8; Luke 10:38-42;  
Colossians 3:1-4; 2 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 11:9-16.

In the space below, note the differences between those who are “earthly minded” and those who are “heavenly minded” in these passages. Which column do you most resemble?

“Earthly Minded”	“Heavenly Minded”

### 3. **Philippians 3:21; Ezekiel 37:1-14; 1 Corinthians 15**

What does scripture say about the nature of our resurrection? Why is this such a comfort to the citizens of heaven? Why is it important to keep this promise front and center when we are tempted with “earthly mindedness”?

### 4. **Philippians 4:1**

Paul’s exhortation for the Philippians to “stand firm” in their faith is one he employs across his epistles.

### **1 Corinthians 16:13-14; Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:15-27**

In what ways does Paul encourage his readers to “stand firm”?

## The Pilgrim's Home

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While through this changing world we roam  
From infancy to age,  
Heaven is the Christian Pilgrim's home,  
His rest at every stage;

Thither his raptured thoughts ascend,  
Eternal joys to share;  
There his adoring spirit bends,  
While here he kneels in prayer.

From earth his freed affections rise  
To fix on things above,  
Where all his hope of glory lies,  
And love is perfect love;

Oh! there may we our treasure place,  
There let our hearts be found,  
That still where sin abounded, grace  
May more and more abound.

Henceforth our conversation be  
With Christ before the throne,  
Ere long, we eye to eye shall see,  
And know as we are known.