

# Living For Christ

Philippians 3:13-21



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12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; 16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.



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Php 3:17 Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. 18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

# Recap

- Rejoice!
- Beware of False teaching centered on pride
- We are saved by grace through faith
- Our “righteousness” is counted as rubbish
- Forgetting what is behind lay hold of Christ
- Allow His presence to make us like Christ

# Living to Christ's Standard

- Having our minds and desires renewed
- Our anxieties and concerns laid down at his feet
- Our situations seen as a part of God's plan
- Our focus fixed on Christ: what would he have of ME
- Not attained but striving to attain Christ's example

# Following Paul's Example

- Watch my example! Follow me as I follow Christ
- Paul has already set aside his credentials as rubbish
- Follow his walking, living, transforming in Christ
- Paul calls to imitation we too should be inimitable
- Bad news: Call is not just for pastors!
- Good news: His grace is not just for pastors!

# The Path Away from Christ

- Not as difficult as any of us would hope
- Enemies of the cross of Christ—end is destruction
- Whose god is appetite, belly, womb, inmost being
- Whose Glory or worship is their shame
- Who set their minds and affections on earthly things
- After this list how certain are you of your salvation?

# Citizens of Heaven

- Our King is Christ, our country is not of this world
- Eagerly anticipating the revelation of Christ!
- Our bodies are to be conformed to Christ's resurrected form
- By His power over all things (and our submission to Him in all things) we will be like Him





# Philippians 4:1

Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

# For us Today

- Following Christ is about His work in us
- That which will keep us from Him and make us enemies of the cross of Christ must be laid at his feet
- Standing firm in our own strength is a waste of time
- Only Standing firm in the Lord can save us, transform and change us into examples of Him