



Homesick
Phil. 3:17-21
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I. Intro

A. Opening Reading: **Phil. 3:20 – 4:1**

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself... Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. (Phil. 3:20 – 4:1)

B. Background:

1. Philippi was a Roman colony.
 - a. Though located hundreds of miles from Rome, its citizens enjoyed the privileges of Roman citizenship.
 - b. Though they lived in Macedonia, their identity was tied to another kingdom.
 - c. Paul took that familiar idea and turned it toward eternity.
2. Paul was sitting in a Roman prison when he pulled out writing utensils to compose a letter to the Philippian church, inviting them into a unique type of life.

a. We are citizens of Heaven.

II. Body: Two types of Christians in this world.

A. Those who set their affections on earth.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. (Phil. 3:17-19)

1. Enemies of the Cross
 - a. End is destruction
2. Their own bellies are their priority.
 - a. Whatever brings them immediate fulfillment.
 - b. They glory in what is temporary (which will ultimately end in shame and destruction)!
3. Focus on what they can see with their physical eyes.

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- a. Pursue what brings them gratification... now.
 - b. They claim to follow Christ, but they are enemies of the cross.

B. Those who set their affections on heaven.

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- 1. Those of us who've been born again are eternal citizens of heaven, traveling in this foreign land with a passport.
 - a. We are citizens of heaven.
 - b. Our passports have an expiration date.
 - c. We don't want to stay here.
 - d. We await a Savior. That's how we live.
 - e. Live this life (not focused on your own belly, or the things of this world, but) focused on a soon-coming Savior.

II. Conclusion

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. (Phil. 4:1)

A. Living in Berkeley, CA

- 1. But my heart, affections, focus was in a totally different place.
- 2. Honda Civic
- 3. Cadillac Brougham

B. Therefore... Stand firm

- 1. Because we are returning HOME!
 - a. Not of this world.
- 2. Because Jesus is coming back!
- 3. Because our bodies will be transformed.
- 4. Stand firm, Singly Focused on Eternity.