

# Philippians 3:17-21

**We're Just Passin' Through**

# (Review)

- Perfection, Not In This Life!
- What Are You Chasing After?
- Don't Look Back
- Look Forward
- Maturity Is Marked By Unity

# Today's Outline

- The Biblical Pattern Of Discipleship
- More Signs Of A False Christian
- This Earth Is NOT Our Home
- I'm Trading Up

# Philippians 3:17-21

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

20 For our citizenship is in heaven,  
from which we also eagerly wait for  
the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform our lowly body  
that it may be conformed to His  
glorious body, according to the  
working by which He is able even to  
subdue all things to Himself.

# Philippians 3:17

17 Brethren, join in following my example,...

## **We Follow:**

- Jesus Christ
- Paul As He Follows Christ
- Church Leadership As We Follow Paul
- Families Follow The Husband As He Follows Church Leadership

# Philippians 3:17 (Continued)

17 ...and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

- **Watch What Leadership Does Not What They Say.**
- **Everything Is Measured By The Biblical Standard.**

# The Biblical Pattern Of Discipleship

From Matthew and Mark  
Grand Totals

Large Group (Public Speaking)	Medium Group (around 12)	Small group (4 or less)
<b>17 or 27%</b>	<b>38 or 61%</b>	<b>7 or 11%</b>



# Philippians 3:18

18 For **many** walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

## 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 (NLT)

3 But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent.

4 You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed.

# Salvation In Christ ALONE + or – Nothing!

- **Those Who Add To:** Roman Catholic, Judaizers, etc.
- **Those Who Take Away:** Jehovah's Witness, Mormons, etc

# Philippians 3:19

19 whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

## ***Apōleia (Destruction)***

- 1) destroying, utter destruction
  - a) of vessels
- 2) a perishing, ruin, destruction
  - a) of money
  - b) the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell

# Philippians 3:19 (Continued)

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## ***Koilia (belly)***

The innermost part of a man, the soul, heart as the seat of thought, feeling, choice

- **Ruled By Their Emotions**
- **Ruled By Fleshly Desires**

# Philippians 3:19 (Continued)

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**1 Corinthians 5:1-2** I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you—something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship.

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- **Prosperity Gospel**
- **Focused On Stuff**

# Signs Of A False Christian

- Run By Their Emotions & Feelings
- Christians Who Show No Signs Of Spiritual Fruit And Even Celebrate Their Sinfulness. (Cheap Grace)
- Who Are Totally Into Earthly Pleasures And Think That Earthly Stuff Will Bring Happiness

# Philippians 3:20

20 For our citizenship is in heaven,  
from which we also eagerly wait for  
the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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## 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

# Philippians 3:21

21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

**I'm Trading Up**

# 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

# Revelation 21:3-4

- 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.
- 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

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