

HOW TO LIVE GODLY Philippians 3:17-21

INTRODUCTION:

A. Today, we will continue our study in Paul’s letter to the Philippian Believers. Based on our text, Paul informed the Philippian Believers how to live godly for Christ Jesus. A doctrinal error, concerning Sin and Grace, was invading the church at Philippi. The error was in the area of Legalism and Libertinism.

B. In Philippians 3:12, Paul said he was not perfect – Sinless.

He realized there was always room for improvement – Spiritual Growth. We will not be perfect in this life – yet, that fact is not a license to Sin.

I. Follow Godly Examples (v. 17)

A. Paul was encouraging the Philippians to be followers or Imitators of Himself (c. 17a)

B. Paul was encouraging the Philippians to imitate approved faithful Christians (v. 17b).

C. There were some in Thessalonica who imitated Paul (1 Thess 1:6-9).

D. Paul and other approved faithful Christians were Godly Examples (Pattern) to imitate (v. 17a).

II. Flee Ungodly Examples (vv. 18-19)

A. Paul is sharing this information about ungodly examples with tears – “weeping” (v. 18). Why? – Because they are “the enemies of the Cross of Christ” (v. 18).

B. Who are the enemies of the Cross of Christ? (1 Cor 2:14).

C. Marks of “the enemies of the Cross” (v. 19)

III. Focus on the Blessed Hope (vv. 20-21)

A. Blessed Hope - (John 14:3; Titus 2:13).

B. Our citizenship is in Heaven

C. Focus – Praise God that your name is written in “The Book of Life” (Rev 20:12, 15; 21:27).

D. Focus – Praise God that your name is written down in Heaven and it stands written forever (Luke 10:20).

CONCLUSION:

A. How to Live Godly for Jesus? Follow Godly Examples, Flee Ungodly Examples, and Focus on the Blessed Hope.

B. Blessed Assurance

C. Do you know Jesus as your Savior? Surely your end will be eternal destruction if you die without Christ as your Savior.

D. Christ will forgive any and all sins you have ever committed.

E. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).