

## Waiting EAGERLY for our Savior ~ Philippians 3:17-21

→ Scripture Reading Phil. 3:17-21 NLT

### INTRODUCTION

Stand firm against self-righteous Legalists (3:1-16)

Stand firm against self-centered Libertines (3:17-21)

### Enemies of the Cross of Christ ~ Philippians 3:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

### IMPLICATIONS

#### 1- Pattern your life after ME

<sup>17</sup> ...pattern your lives after MINE, and learn from THOSE who follow our example.

Paul had received God's Mercy that he might become a **PATTERN** for others. His life after his conversion was dedicated to **SHOWING** others HOW a Christian should live. MacDonald

**Hebrews 13:7** (NIV) Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

#### 2- Weep over those who are LOST

<sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now say again **even with tears**, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

#### 3- Enemies of the Cross - (Professors NOT Possessors)

<sup>18</sup> ...there are many whose **conduct shows** they are really **enemies of the cross** of Christ.

<sup>19</sup> They are **headed for destruction**. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.

### OUR Citizenship is IN Heaven ~ Philippians 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup> But OUR citizenship is in HEAVEN. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.

## IMPLICATION

ENEMIES of the CROSS	CITIZENS of Heaven
DESTINY is Destruction	We BELONG to Jesus
APPETITES are their god	We wait EAGERLY for His COMING
PROUD of Shameful Lifestyle	We LONG to be TRANSFORMED
FOCUSED on here and Now	He WILL Reign in POWER

**Colossians 1:21-22** (NLT) ...you who were once FAR AWAY from God. You were His ENEMIES, SEPARATED from Him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ...

**Titus 3:3-7** (NLT) <sup>3</sup> Once WE, TOO, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

<sup>4</sup> **BUT** when **God our Savior** revealed His kindness and love, <sup>5</sup> **He SAVED us**, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of **His MERCY**. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

<sup>7</sup> Because of **His grace He DECLARED us RIGHTEOUS** and gave us **Confidence** that we will inherit eternal life.

## TAKE AWAY ??