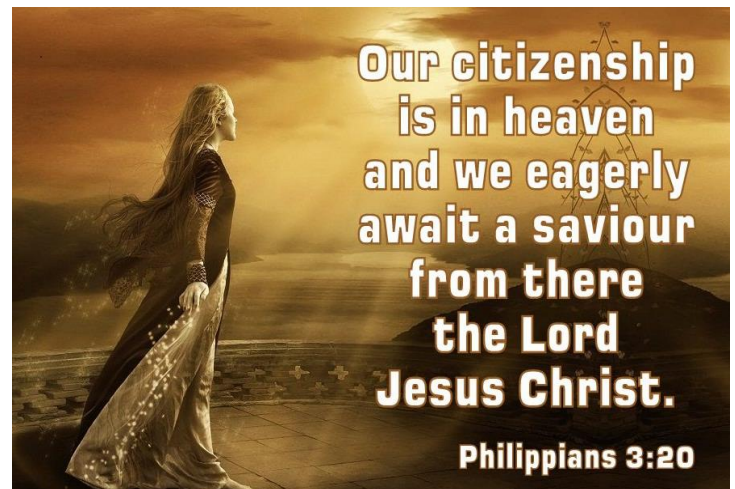
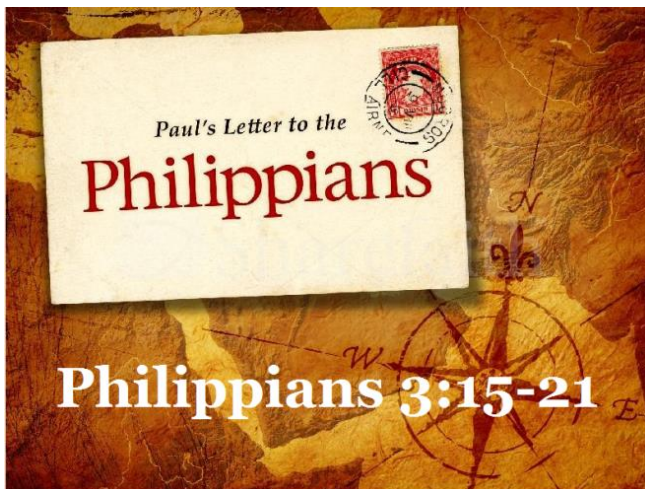




Paul now addresses the walk of mature believers, the ones who stay in the Word of God constantly striving to do His will. Mature believers are to be consistent in their walk, holding to the standard set by the Word. To make this easier, Paul says to emulate those who are godly examples but to beware of those who are ungodly examples. He ends with a joyous statement on the eventual glorification of each believer.

- Preview Introduction
- Goals of the Church Philippians 3:15-16
- Apostasy of the Judaizers Philippians 3:17-19
- Glorification of Believers..... Philippians 3:20-21



TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES	APPLICATIONS
Mature believers seek the mind, will and way of the Lord Jesus Christ.	Pursue the Lord Jesus Christ – His mind, His will and His way.
The Bible is the standard by which we must live as Believers.	Commit yourself to read, study and following the truths of scripture, revealed by the Holy Spirit.
True leaders will point you to Christ.	Note the words and actions of your leaders and follow those who follow Christ.
Our citizenship is in heaven, in the place that Christ has prepared for you.	Your home is in heaven with Christ – live with that eternal perspective.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. What are we, the mature, to have (3:15)? _____
2. Whatever degree we have attained we are to do what (3:16)? _____
3. Whose example are we to follow (3:17)? _____
4. Who is the pattern (3:17)? _____
5. Who is Paul weeping for (3:18)? _____
6. What is the end for the false teachers (3:19)? _____
7. Who is the god of these false teachers (3:19)? _____
8. As believers, where is our citizenship (3:20)? _____
9. As believers, who are we waiting for (3:20)? _____
10. What will He do to our bodies when he returns (3:21)? _____
11. According to what, is He able to subdue all things to Himself (3:21)? _____

Study Questions

1. Read PHILIPPIANS 3:15-16 and reflect on your maturity.
 - ❖ Are Christians sometimes stubborn?
 - ❖ In what areas? How can they be changed?
 - ❖ In what areas are you stubborn? How can you change?
2. Read PHILIPPIANS 3:15-16 and reflect on the idea of having the same mind.
 - ❖ Why do believers differ over the standards of the Christian walk?
 - ❖ Can unity ever be achieved in this area?
 - ❖ How can you help address this issue?
3. Read PHILIPPIANS 3:17-19 and reflect on the integrity of those you choose to follow.
 - ❖ How can we as believers tell whether we should follow a human leader?
 - ❖ If such leadership is not followed is that disobedience?
 - ❖ Ultimately who are we to follow?
 - ❖ Who are the enemies of the cross today?
 - ❖ By what criteria can you base your judgement on?
 - ❖ What scriptures can you cite as evidence?
4. Read PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 and reflect on your heavenly citizenship.
 - ❖ Who are you waiting for and where is He coming from?
 - ❖ What will happen when He arrives? In particular what will happen to our bodies?
 - ❖ What should be the Christian approach to funerals?
 - ❖ What should be the Christian approach to cremation?