

Philippians - Lesson 6

Stand Firm

Verses to Remember

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Phil 3: 20 NIV)

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends! (Phil 3:17- 4:1 NIV)

Brainteaser:

Slogan	Product
"Have it your way"	
"No rules, just right"	
"Do what tastes right"	
"Try it, you'll like it"	
"It's all within your reach"	
"Because your worth it"	
"Life is short, play hard"	
"Enjoy"	

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Judaizers		Antinomians
severe religious restriction	< >	hardly any moral restrictions
requirements for conversion	< >	loose, wild living, claimed faith
dietary regulations	< >	gods were their stomachs
spiritual interest	< >	purely physical interest

1. Why do you think Paul says what he does in verse 17?

2. Do you think it is right for him to say that?

3. What emotions does Paul display in verse 18?

4. Verses 19 describes further the "enemies of the cross," or the "Antinomians." How does this sound like our world today?

5. From where does Paul say we are citizens, and how should this affect our way of life?

Workbook Activity (10 minutes)

In what ways does the world tend to rub off on you?

Take a few moments and answer the following questions. They are intended to start you thinking about how the things of this world may be affecting your life. Your answers personal, not to be shared so be honest with yourself.

- Do you (1) use money and love people, or (2) use people and love money? (1) _____ (2) _____
- Do you think you need more than food, clothing, and god's love? (Yes) _____ (No) _____
- When you have an extra fifty bucks to spend on anything you want, what do you do with it?

- If aliens were to come to earth, knowing nothing about our planet, and they were asked who you looked or acted like, who would they choose?

- _____ like a pop star
- _____ like a movie star
- _____ like a celebrity
- _____ like Jesus

Philippians 3: 20- 4: 1

1. What's the therefore there for?

2. What is the end result of standing firm for the Christian?

Homework

- Memorize Philippians 3: 20 and Philippians 3:17- 4: 1.
- Stand firm by reading one book from the church library this week that focuses on Christian perseverance.
- Reflect upon a time when God provided strength to get through a tough time, and tank Him in prayer.