

Philippians - Lesson 6

Stand Firm

Verses to Remember

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"
(Phil 3: 20 KJV)

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. (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: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved." (Phil 3:17- 4:1 KJV)

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.