

Walk as Citizens of Heaven

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Philippians 3 ¹ Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

² **Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;** ³ for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, ⁴ although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but *I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.* ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; ¹⁶ however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

¹⁷ **Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.** ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Matthew 6:1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with **your Father who is in heaven**.

Matthew 6:9-10 ⁹“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our **Father who is in heaven**, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, **On earth as it is in heaven.**

Matthew 6:14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, **your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

Matthew 6:20 ²⁰ But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet **your heavenly Father** feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

Matthew 6:32-33 ³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for **your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.** ³³ But seek **first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself **an enemy of God.**

Whose end is destruction... Matthew 7:13-14 ¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Whose god is their appetite...Romans 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

Whose glory is their shame...Isaiah 5:20-21 ²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight!

Who set their minds on earthly things... Matthew 6:19, 21, 24 ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ... ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.