

## **Citizens of Heaven**

### **Philippians 3:15-21**

*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.*

*Therefore* points back to the things Paul has been saying-now addresses those who are **teleios perfect**. **Oops leaves me out**. The word doesn't mean flawless or faultless but **mature**-reaching, aiming for the end, extending out, one step at a time-**old pirate telescope (show picture)**. Idea mature growing in things of the Lord, not stagnant-stuck in a rut believers. What **attitude**? Knowing Christ, pressing toward Christ-likeness, Righteous by faith-**Are you?**

Theme is **joy--rejoicing** in the Lord **19 x's** it's the atmosphere believers live in-no matter the circumstances. Paul writing from prison facing a death sentence for preaching the gospel. He also writes in chapter 3 to beware of things & people that come into the church, pose as believers but are **evil workers**, Legalist, troublemakers. Don't let them get foothold in the church or in your life turning you away from God's grace of Joy & rejoicing in the Christian life.

Also warns not to trust in yourself & your ability to live the Christian life. We only please God by our devotion & trust in Him not by self-effort. Paul points out that he lived a perfect life by standard of Mosaic law--but was only fooling himself, then coming to faith in Christ & looking back on his self righteous life he said it amounted to rubbish, manure, dung compared to knowing Christ.

We can't know Jesus thru rules & self effort but only by God revealing Himself to us-**supernatural work**. **R.Y.R 'who then can be saved' w/ man impossible**. Paul after 30 years of knowing Jesus & doing ministry was still moving forward, **extending his pirate telescope (collapsible)** to know Christ & reasons for God choosing him. We too press on-fcus in on things of God to know Him & His purpose for our life.

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And for those who have a *different* attitude, God will *apokalýptō* reveal, unveil, bring it to light--get you back on track.

**Cult watch ministry**--Arch-heretic Jesse Duplantis on his broadcast brags he's '*multi-mill*', brags about his mansion, critics be damned uses bible to justify *avarice*--*I'm gonna give you a scripture & it's Psalms 49:16 "be not thou afraid when one is made rich, (chuckles to himself) when the glory of his house is increased."* Then asks wife *co-con* to read in Amp "She squirms Well, Amplified says "*be not afraid when an ungodly man is made rich, when the wealth and glory of his house are increased for when he dies you will carry nothing away; His glory will not descend after him.*" Wake up call-**he didn't get it.**

*Different*, How? Stop growing & stay immature. Stop listening to Holy Spirit directing & convicting '*he who has ears to hear*' **guy plugging his ears**. Leave Lord for lure of world-Forsake fellowship of saints **Heb 10:25**...habit of some

16 *However*- nevertheless let us *keep* living according to what God has already shown & done in our lives—rule, standard, *template* Paul lays out.

**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.**

*Brethren adelphos*, womb, fellow-believers, same womb (mates)--follow, imitate my walk & others who are living the pattern God has given.

*Many walk*, broad way, walk--their manner of life reveals they are enemies of cross & I weep. Legalist who mislead those saved by grace thru faith into works righteousness. **C of C when were you saved? I was baptized...**

Belief in *baptismal regeneration* or church affiliation Mormon **last Sunday-I said not Christian**. Not saved if not speak in tongues. All roads lead to God, many ways not just one **Oprah**.

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*Cross of Christ 'it is finished'* died once for all, *Gal 5:12 I wish that those who are troubling you would even emasculate themselves. ... I would they were even cut off which trouble you. KJV*

Paul *weeps*, has sorrow because he sees their end, feet on slippery places  
**Ps 73** DL Moody *"I cannot preach on hell unless I preach with tears."*

19 Why Paul weeps? He has an **eternal** perspective—their end is *destruction*, lake of fire, *Mark 9 43 "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, 44 & 48 [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]*

Their mind is on worldly things. Every person has a god. Master passion of their life is their god. What you think about, dream about, live for, morning & night—is on your mind—*god is their appetite*, belly, heart, *womb-what you give birth to*, innermost thought. Garbage in garbage out *computer lingo*—poor quality of input will always produce *faulty* output. *As a man thinks so is he*

They *glory in their shame*—pride themselves in sinful ways—shameful to normal person but *glory* to them—crime a glory to them—smirking, laughing, arrogance in court & profanity when taken away—seared conscience *1Tim 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron...*

Cutting a little baby up in womb pulling out body parts, arms, legs, head disposing trash bags in sterile receptacle—criminals w/o feelings—calm & collected in doing this...*Heb 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. ---They've Sown the wind now you will reap the whirlwind.*

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They set mind on worldly things that are temporal not on things of God which are eternal.

*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.*

*Our citizenship* Paul's heart & mind are in heaven as ours should be. Our future & hope transcends whatever difficulties we face on earth. *Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus* **Eternal perspective puts this life in proper perspective.**

**Abraham** *Heb 11:9,10 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God....*

**Moses** *11:24-25 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.*

**Jesus** *12:2,3 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author & perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, & has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary & lose heart.*

Always look ahead not behind Peter *Jn 21:21 'what about him?' You follow me*

**Eternal perspective keeps us pure from world** *1Jn 3:2,3 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

21 Reference to Rapture when exchange *earthly, humble, vile* meaning w/o value in heaven because body subject to illness, decline, old age & death compared to the body of His glory to be given us.

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*Meta-sché-matizó* to change in fashion or appearance outward form—Jesus Mt Transfiguration, His eternal inner divine nature shone outward. Our inner redemption, Christ likeness, will manifest itself outward. **1Cor 15:50-58** *Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. 55 “O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

To date, 199 people have had their heads and bodies cryopreserved at the Alcor Life Extension Foundation facility in hopes of being revived later. By preserving bodies at below-freezing temperatures, Alcor’s goal is “restoring good health with medical technology in the future,” according to the non-profit organization’s website. Packed together, cylindrical tanks filled with liquid nitrogen hold the heads and bodies of human “patients”—as the foundation calls them—plus about 100 preserved pets,

*Power to subject all things* lit to arrange in ranks, in proper order. World today is out of order but then will be ordered by God, His view & values.

Story of cross dressers