**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***How to Be Successful in Your Pursuit of Christlikeness*** *(Part 2)*

**Philippians 3:17-21**

In these verses, Paul says there are ***3 things*** which must be true in our lives if we’re going to have success in our pursuit of Christlikeness**:**

**I.** We Must ***Follow*** After The ***Faithful*** *(v 17)*

**II.** We Must ***Flee*** From The ***Faithless*** *(vv 18-19)*

**III. We Must On The *(vv 20-21)***

The last thing Paul says is necessary, if we’re going to be successful in our pursuit of Christlikeness, is that we must fix our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word translated ***“citizenship”*** is a word that actually refers to *a* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word translated ***“is”*** is a word that places emphasis on something that is in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at this very moment.

What Paul was saying was that even though we live out our lives here on earth, Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should mark the life of every believer.

There should be a growing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within the heart of every true child of God that this world is not our home!

**A. The P­romise of the of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(****v 20)*

The Greek verb translated ***“await”*** is a word that literally means “to wait ***or*** to expect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

The point Paul was making is that even though we don’t know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He will return, we are confident that He \_\_\_\_\_ return.

While the return of Jesus is the pivotal event of the future, the thing that Paul was stressing here is not so much the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ itself but it is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the event.

 **John 14:1-6; Acts 1:9-**[**11**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%201.11)**; Colossians 3:1-4; Titus 2:11-14; I Thessalonians 1:9-**

 **10, 4:16-18**

If it’s true that we are eagerly waiting for our Savior, then we’re going to want to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to meet Him.

**B. The Promise of the of Our  *(****v 21)*

The word translated ***“transform”*** is a word from which we get our English word *“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

In other words, Jesus is going to supernaturally \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_ the schematics of our bodies.

When Jesus returns, He will transform our mortal bodies so that they will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the nature and character of His resurrected body!

This transformation requires an act of supernatural power - the very power necessary to bring about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dominion.

**Conclusion:**

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.”***

**I Thessalonians 5:23-24**

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