

Where Are You Headed?

(Philippians 3:17—4:1)

Introduction: The beginning of every journey starts with a destination. Where are we headed? What is our goal? What happens when we get off course? How do we get back? In Philippians 3:20-21, Paul addresses what should be the underlying motive of everything we do as Christians. Heaven is our primary occupation. This is what motivates us. We want to see the Savior.

I. Have the Proper _____ on This Life

- A) 3:14 the time is coming when Jesus will call us to meet Him and we will forever be with Him. That's our focus.
- B) We must get away from our preoccupation with this world and this life.
- C) 3:20 our citizenship is in heaven.
 1. We are not citizens of this world.
 2. Citizenship comes from a word that means "colony of foreigners."

II. _____ Await the Savior

- A) 3:20b The Lord is in heaven and He's coming back. See John 14:13
 1. 3:20b we are not waiting on an event we are waiting on a person.
- B) Romans 8:18-23 - we groan, long for, what is to come.
 1. 2 Peter 3:12 - looking forward to & hastening the coming day of God.
 2. 1 Corinthians 3:13-14 - one day there will be a testing of our work.
 3. This knowledge should motivate us to be earnest in our pursuit. Our walk with Christ should be pursued with all _____.

1 Corinthians 4:5
- C) We need to live in light of the 2nd coming. See John 6:39-40.
- D) 3:20 - we eagerly await this event. (NASU).

III. Envision the _____

- A) The Bible does it's best to describe heaven in terms we can relate to.
 1. Ezekiel 1:20-28 - We can't comprehend its beauty.
 2. Revelation 21-22 - How is heaven described?
- B) Heaven is absolutely _____. It is beyond our mind's grasp.

IV. Long for a New _____

- A) 3:21 - Won't it be great to be rid of this body?
- B) Our body will be transformed into a new body suited for spiritual life.
- C) What will it be like? See 1 Corinthians 15:39-55.
 - a. 15:42 - We will be _____.
 - b. 15:43-44 - We will be raised to perfection and holiness.
- D) 1 John 3:2 - We'll dwell in God's full _____ filled with love, joy, & peace.
- E) 3:21 - All of this is possible by the power of Jesus.

Conclusion:

- A) Are you moving in the right direction?
- B) As we go along, there is motivation, accountability, and promise.
- C) Where is your focus? Don't get distracted and miss it.

My Notes: