

## **EAGERLY WAITING FOR THE SAVIOR**

### **OUR POSITION: CITIZENSHIP IN HEAVEN**

Philippians 3:17-21

**Intro:** *We must follow godly examples as we press toward spiritual maturity, keeping in mind the ultimate goal of our eternal home in heaven.*

#### **I. ESPOUSING GODLY EXAMPLES (v. 17)**

#### **II. EXAMINING UNGODLY ENEMIES (vv. 18-19)**

1. The Seriousness of False Teaching - *whose end is destruction.*
2. The Selfishness of False Teaching - *whose god is their belly.*
3. The Shamefulness of False Teaching - *whose glory is in their shame.*
4. The Source of False teaching - *who set their mind on earthly things*

#### **III. EXPECTING THE COMING OF THE SAVIOR (vv. 20-21)**

##### **Questions to go deeper with today's message.**

-What significance did the word "*citizenship*" have to the Philippian believers that Paul used to encourage them to live as if they were looking forward to the Lord's return?

-One of those phrases that is not biblical but quite popular goes like this, "*some folks are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good.*" While there is some truth to the statement in certain contexts, would you agree that our problem is more often being, "*so earthly minded that we are no heavenly good*"? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or Why not?

##### **Point I. ESPOUSING GODLY EXAMPLES (v. 17)**

-Do you have a godly person who is a pattern for your life?

-Who are those godly people whom you model your life after?

-Have you written to thank them for their influence in your life?

-Should a church's worship services and ministries be designed around pleasing God or meeting the needs and desires of men?

##### **Point II. EXAMINING UNGODLY ENEMIES (vv. 18-19)**

-Why is so important to examine the teachers we listen to within the church?

-What does it mean to you to be "spiritually minded"?

-Do you set your mind on the things of the earth or the things of heaven?

##### **Point III. EXPECTING THE COMING OF THE SAVIOR (vv. 20-21)**

-How are you encouraged by the expectation of Christ's return to the earth?

-Do you believe your life is being transformed now, even as your body will be one day?