

Part 21 – Philippians 3:16-21 - The Pattern

Philippians 3:8 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,

1 Peter 2:21-25

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ ALSO SUFFERED for you, leaving you an **EXAMPLE FOR YOU to follow in His steps**,

22 WHO COMMITTED **NO SIN**, NOR WAS **ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH**;

23 and while being reviled, He **DID NOT** revile in return; while suffering, He uttered **NO threats, but kept ENTRUSTING Himself to Him who judges righteously**;

24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, **SO THAT** we **might die to sin and live to righteousness**; for by His wounds you were healed.

25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

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16 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as **BONDSLAVES** of God.

17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

1 Peter 2:18-20

18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

19 For **THIS FINDS FAVOR, IF** (*First class conditional - III -4. Uncertain by reason of man's actions and choices.*).....for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is there **IF** (*First class conditional - III - 4. Uncertain by reason of man's actions and choices.*)when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But **IF** (*First class conditional - III - 4. Uncertain by reason of man's actions and choices.*)when you do what is **RIGHT** and **SUFFER** for it **you patiently ENDURE it, this FINDS FAVOR with God.**

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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.

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16 **HOWEVER,** *"in any case, however, only one thing"* (BDAG).....let **US** keep living **by that same standard to which WE attained.**

17 Brethren, **JOIN in following MY example,**

"This term is only used here in all recorded ancient Greek literature, and thus possibly a coined word by Paul to express the idea to "join with others in following my example" (BDAG).

.....and observe **THOSE** who walk according to **the PATTERN** you have in **US.** (*Paul, Timothy & Epaphroditus,*)

The 'pattern' in Bdag is:

"an archetype serving as a model, type, pattern, model" (BDAG)

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,**

"they are enemies of the cross of Christ, "

1. Their appetite is **their** god, that means whatever they see with **their** eyes, or desire in **their** flesh they live for it-it's **their** god.
the love of money
sexual sin
read the books of Timothy to see more.

2 The 'shameful' things of life is where they get **THEIR** glory.

3. 'Earthly things' is where **they** are fixated, it's where **their** minds are firmly fixed and totally focused on 'earthly things', that's why the term 'god' is used, small 'g'.

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** (*commonwealth*) is in heaven, from which also **WE** (*Paul, Timothy & Epaphroditus,*) eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

"Commonwealth, State"(BDAG)

"the term was commonly used of a political entity as (BDAG).

The city of Philippi was founded as a Roman colony with Latin as its official language. Therefore, Philippi was part of the commonwealth of the Roman Empire and therefore you would be under its laws.

Because they were citizens of Philippi made them citizens of the great Roman Empire.

So, Paul here reminds the Assembly in Philippi that their commonwealth exists in heaven, and if they are to be a part of it, they too need to shrug off the false teachers' teachings, because as citizens of this heavenly commonwealth, the Assembly were to reflect its standards and attain to them.

The term 'eagerly awaits here; 'from which also WE eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; '

2 Timothy 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, **but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

Philippians 3:21 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.

Philippians 1:20. according to **my earnest expectation and hope**, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, **whether by life or by death.**