

LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS: “FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 11:1-2

I. “Pressing On”: Choosing the Right Examples, (Phil. 3:17-21)

A. Paul Uses Himself as a Good Example to Follow, (v. 17)

1. (v. 17), *“Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.”*

a. Let’s look at what Paul “Is Not Saying” in this verse and “What He Is Saying” . . .

Philippians 3:9

Romans 3:10

Philippians 3:5

1 Peter 2:22

b. “Then what did he mean in v. 17 when he told the Philippians to follow his example?”

Philippians 3:13-14

c. Paul shows himself as a “*pattern*” for God’s people to follow.

Hebrews 8:5

1 Chronicles 18:19

1 Corinthians 3:16

Leviticus 10:1-2

2 Chronicles 26:16, 19

B. There are also “Bad Examples” which Many Follow, (vs. 18-19)

1. Whether inside or outside the church, those who follow these examples are “*enemies of the cross.*”
 - a. (v. 18a), “*For many walk, of whom I’ve often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross.*”

Luke 13:34

- b. “*...enemies of the cross*” : Who are these people? What makes them an enemy?

- c. (v. 19a), “*Whose end is destruction...*”

Revelation 21:8

Revelation 14:11

- d. (v. 19b), “*...whose god is their appetite...*”

Matthew 6:33

James 4:4

- e. (v. 19c), “*...whose glory is in their shame*” – They boast about what they should be ashamed.

Romans 1:31

Colossians 3:5

- f. (v. 19d), “*...who set their minds on earthly things.*”

Colossians 3:1-2; 2:12

Romans 8:5

3. Following the Right Example is Totally Worth It, (vs. 20-21)

- a. (vs. 20-21), “*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly await a Savior....*”

1 Corinthians 15:42

CONCLUSIONS:

John 3:3, 5; 1 Peter 1:23; 3:21