

“WALK LIKE PAUL”

1/19/2025 AM

INTRO.:

- A. Read the text **Philippians 3:14-21**.**
- B. Regarding the text:**
 - 1. Paul discusses two different ways to walk in this life...
 - 2. The walk of one who is "a citizen of heaven."
 - 3. The walk of one who is "an enemy of the cross of Christ."
- C. Walking like Paul is to follow Christ (**1 Corinthians 11:1**).**

DISCUSSION: IN THIS SECTION LET US OBSERVE...

I. AN ADMONITION TO WALK LIKE PAUL (17).

- A. “...be followers together of me...”**
 - 1. Paul frequently encouraged others to follow his example.
 - 1) **Philippians 4:9**.
 - 2) **1 Corinthians 4:16**.
 - 2. The church at Thessalonica **1 Thessalonians 1:6-9**.
- B. “...mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.”**
 - 1. Note the word **MARK**. Strong’s: Take careful aim at, take heed. Observe.
 - 2. ENSAMPLE: = TUPOS; A stamp, scar, or model.
 - 3. Some in Thessalonica who imitated Paul (**1 Thessalonians 1: 6-9**).
 - 4. The examples of others can be very beneficial. (**Psalms 37:37**).
- C. We are not only to be good followers, but we are to be proper examples to others also.**
 - 1. **1 Corinthians 10:32**.
 - 2. **1 Timothy 4:12**.
 - 3. In other words - you be the example. Never cause a problem in the church.

II. “ENEMIES OF THE CROSS” (18-19)

- A. “For many walk, of whom I have told you often...”**
 - 1. First who are friends of the cross? (Those who put the Lord first (**Phil. 2:5-8**)).
 - 2. Enemies of the cross seek to please themselves (**Gal. 1:6-9; 6:12**).
 - 1) What is their END! “... whose end is destruction.” (**2 Thess. 1:7-9**). (Conclusion or result).
 - 2) Who is their GOD? (“their belly” **Rom. 16:17-18**).
 - 3) How do they GLORY? “whose glory is in their shame.” Not ashamed of their evil deeds. (**Jer. 6:15; 8:12**)
 - 4) Where are their MINDS? “Who set their mind on earthly things.”
- B. Where do Christians set their minds (**Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:1-2**).**

III. REASONS TO WALK LIKE PAUL (20-21).

- A. “For our conversation is in heaven...”**
 - 1. Our affection is set on things above, not on the earth! (**Col. 3:1-3**).
 - 2. Our “inheritance” is reserved in heaven (**1 Pet. 1:3-4**).
- B. “...from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:”**
 - 1. Our Savior will one day come again to judge our works (**Rev. 20:13**).
 - 2. The faithful child of God will “love His appearing” (**2 Tim. 4:8**).

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. Our walk determines our eternal home.**
- B. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** “in Jesus.”**