

Sermon Quotes
November 11th, 2008
Philippians 3:17-21 Imitation and Re-creation

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(17) Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

(18) For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

(19) Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

(20) But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

(21) who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Proposition Statement:

As we await our risen Savior, **we are called to strain forward**, toward our glorious destiny, and **imitate those** who excel in the pursuit.

Mains Points:

- 1) A Tangible Command (v17)
- 2) A Solemn Warning (v18-19)
- 3) A Glorious Promise (v20-21)

Ph 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, **To all the saints in Christ Jesus** who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

Ph 1:7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for **you are all partakers with me of grace...**

Ph 2:14-15 Do all things without grumbling or questioning, (15) that you may be blameless and innocent, **children of God** without blemish

Ph 3:3 For **we are the circumcision (those set apart by God)**, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh--

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with **certain unalienable rights**, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."*

-The Declaration of Independence, 1776

"God the Father decreed that it would be most fitting, appropriate, beautiful, good, and right for the one who rules the world of fallen humankind, and everything that relates to humans in their suffering, would be One who bore their likeness, and endured their temptations, and suffered their pain, and died their death."

John Piper

"No more bulging middles or balding tops. No more varicose veins or crow's feet. No more cellulite or support hose. Just a quick leapfrog over the tombstone and it's the body you've always dreamed of. Fit and trim, smooth and sleek."

-Joni Eareckson Tada