

“YOU’RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE ARE YOU?”

(Philippians 3:20-21)

I PAUL WARNED THE PHILIPPIANS OF DOCTRINAL ERROR (3:1-6)

II PAUL COUNTED ALL THINGS AS LOSS FOR CHRIST HIS SAVIOR (3:7-9)

III PAUL’S BURNING DESIRE TO KNOW CHRIST (3:10-12)

IV PAUL’S SINGLE MINDEDNESS OF PRESSING TOWARDS THE GOAL (3:13-14)

V PAUL’S APPEAL FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH (3:15-16)

VI PAUL AND OTHERS WERE TO BE AN EXAMPLE (3:17)

VII PAUL DESCRIBES CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FALSE TEACHERS (3:18-19)

VIII PAUL EXPLAINS OUR FUTURE GLORIOUS TRANSFORMATION (3:20-21)

A. The city of Philippi was a Roman _____ in the region of Macedonia which uniquely gave the residents of that city Roman _____ even though they didn’t _____ in Rome.

1. Likewise Christians constitute a _____ colony on earth; we literally have a _____ citizenship. (3:20a)

2. The pronoun “*our*” is very emphatic, and it stresses the present _____ of this citizenship for the believer in Christ.

* How secure is this citizenship that is reserved for you? (Philip. 3:20b; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

3. The spiritual believer is “eagerly awaiting” the arrival of his /her Groom and this speaks of an _____ desire and _____. (Philip. 3:20c; 1 Cor. 1:7; Heb. 9:28)

4. Paul described the Son of God in four revealing ways...

a. He is the _____, the only One who can save mankind

b. He is the _____ of glory, the Sovereign of the universe

c. He is _____ the Son of Man

d. He is the _____, the Anointed One, the promised Messiah

B. When He comes, the Lord Jesus Christ will _____ our lowly _____.
(3:21a)

1. Our bodies are presently suited for our earthly habitat, thus they need to be _____
(or “transformed”), which speaks of primarily a change on the _____.
2. Our “lowly body” was humiliated in the Fall of Adam, and it has many physical limitations associated with it such as _____, sickness, a _____ and ultimately death.
3. Our Savior _____ took the form of a “lowly body” (without a sin nature), in order that He might _____ us from our own sinful condition. (Philip. 2:6-7)

C. Jesus will “conform” our bodies when He returns at the Rapture for His Bride. (3:21b)

1. And what a transformation it will be! Our _____ will function perfectly as Adam’s did before the Fall, and our _____ will be just like our Lord’s glorified body. (1 Cor. 15:49; 1 John 3:2)
2. This will all be accomplished by the same _____ which raised Christ from the dead, “according to the working.”
3. The word “subdue” was a military term which meant to _____ under one’s _____, thus our Lord will cause all things to submit to His divine sovereignty.

* How can this glorious truth change your perspective?