



Title: Experiencing Philippians

Lesson 6

Read the introduction, the text, Reflect on them and take notes: (10) minutes

Read: Follow me (My example)... As I follow Christ; and the example / pattern He set

Philippians 3:17-19 (NASB)

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.

Reflection: **Hebrews 8:5 (NASB)** ⁵ who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NASB) ¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Ask:

1. In verse 17, Paul exhorts us to join in following the example he sets for us in his Christian Walk; and also, warns us to be observant of those walking in the pattern set for us. What is your understanding as to why he [Paul] does this?
2. Why do you think Paul expresses deep sadness, to the point of tears, for those that walk with their mind set on earthly things?
3. Are there any areas in your life, which need to be aligned with the pattern set before us in our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus? If so, what areas; and how can we, as brothers and sisters in Christ aid in your life becoming conformed to the image of Christ?

Read: Glorified with Christ

Philippians 3:20-21 (NASB)

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.

Reflection: **Romans 8:28-30 (NASB)** ²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Ask:

1. What does Paul's statement, "For our citizenship is in Heaven" mean to you? How does that [being a citizen of Heaven] impact your identity and affect your day-to-day?
2. Paul continues with stating that we are eagerly waiting for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Are we truly, EAGERLY waiting for Christ's return? How so? What is your understanding of the meaning; and, how it plays out in your life? What then, does it look like in the Body of Christ?