

The Ultimate Goal

- Phil. 3:12-14
- Paul uses the analogy of a runner. As the runner is in continual pursuit of the prize, (for winning the race) the Christian is also in pursuit of Christ likeness. We will not fully obtain the goal of Christ likeness until we are in the presence of the savior.

Am I Mature?

- Phil 3:15-16
- **15** So let those [of us] who are spiritually mature *and* full-grown have this mind *and* hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also.
- **16** Only let us hold true to what we have already attained *and* walk *and* order our lives by that.
 - Maturity as a believer means that one understands that the life of Christ is a focus walk that requires persistence. If you fall you immediately get back up and keep on going.

Who Are They?

- Phil 3:18-19
- **18** For there are many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, who walk (live) as enemies of the cross of Christ (the Anointed One).
- **19** They are doomed *and* their fate is eternal misery (perdition); their god is their stomach (their appetites, their sensuality) and they glory in their shame, siding with earthly things *and* being of their party.

Our Citizenship

- Phil 3:20
- But our citizenship is in heaven.
- The Greek word translated citizenship" is the word from which we get the English word "politics".
- Just as Philippi was a colony of Rome on foreign soil, so the church is a "colony of heaven" on earth.
- By way of the new birth the believer inherits citizen rights and privileges of heaven.

The Authority of Jesus

- Phil 3:21
- who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.
- **Ref. Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:19-23; Phil. 2:9-11**

Keep Standing

- Phil 4:1
- **4** Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

A Fight in Church

- Phil 4:2
- **2** I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.
- How did Paul know that there was a fight going in the church and the two women involved?
- Syntyche- **Suntuche** (soon-too'-khay);
- **Euodias** (yoo-od-ee'-ah);