LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Don't Waste Your Life

Lesson Five • Philippians 3:17-4:1

Standing Firm in the Lord

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The life that counts for God's glory STANDS FIRM in the Lord.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. Philippians 4:1

Standing Firm in the Lord

1. Follow Faithful EXAMPLES of Pursuing Christ!

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. Philippians 3:17

Who Are You Following?

Pay careful ATTENTION to those who are making their lives count for God's glory, and follow their example and imitate their walk.

I urge you, then, be imitators of me. 1Corinthians 4:16

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1Corinthians 11:1

2. Watch Out for Faithless ENEMIES of the Cross!

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. Philippians 3:18-19

Why Is Paul Weeping?

Because there are MANY who are wasting their lives as "enemies of the cross of Christ"—their "walk" contradicts their confession of Christ and His Cross—and this breaks Paul's heart.

Four Characteristics of "Enemies of the Cross"

- Their DESTINY: their end is destruction.
- Their MASTER: their god is their belly.
- Their DISGRACE: their glory is in their shame.
- Their PERSPECTIVE: their minds are set on earthy things.

3. Live in Light of Your True CITIZENSHIP in Heaven!

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Philippians 3:20-21

Two Evidences of Our Heavenly Citizenship

- We are AWAITING eagerly for the Lord Jesus Christ to return.
- We are EXPECTING a glorious transformation of our earthly bodies.

Are You Wasting Your Life *OR* Making It Count?

With God's power it's never TOO LATE to begin making your life count for God's glory.

You can make it count by: starting at the Cross (vs. 1-3), losing all to gain Christ (vs. 4-9), living a Christ-centered life (vs. 10-11), pressing on in the race (vs. 12-16), and standing firm in the Lord (vs. 17-21).

COMMUNION

Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation and identify with Christ in baptism and commit to Christ's body in membership of a local church of like faith) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat to eat and drink. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!