

Philippians 3:17-21
Enemies & Citizens

1. Introduction- Follow Good Examples (v. 17)
 - a. *“Be fellow imitators with me...”*
 - b. Question: Is this arrogant?
 - c. Principle: Follow good examples as a safeguard against error
2. Enemies of the Cross of Christ (vv. 18-19)
 - a. Their end: destruction (v. 19)
 - b. Their god: their desires (v. 19)
 - c. Their glory: in sin (v. 19)
 - i. See Romans 1:32
 - ii. Question: What is your attitude towards sin?
 1. Do you love it, celebrate it, justify it, etc...?
 2. Or, do you hate it and repent of it?
 - d. Their thoughts: on earthly things (v. 19)
 - e. Note Paul’s attitude over these people: *“with tears”* (v. 18).
3. Citizens of Heaven (vv. 20-21)
 - a. Their hope (v. 20)
 - i. *“The Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.” –C. S. Lewis*
 - b. Their transformation (v. 21)
 - i. See 1 Cor. 15:35-49
 - c. Their God (v. 21)
4. Conclusion- *“Behave as citizens worthy of the Gospel of Christ” –Philippians 1:27*