

## NO TREASURE LIKE JESUS

# **HOW OUR FUTURE AFFECTS OUR PRESENT**

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-4:1

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - January 29, 2023

1.Live	(v. 3:20a)	Philippians 3:20–4:1 (ESV) 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject a things to himself. 4:1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.
2. Eagerly	(vv. 3:20b-21)	
3. Never	(v. 4:1)	

#### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

- 1. **Read Hebrews 11:13-16.** How would you like to see your life reflect the reality that you are a stranger and exile on earth? What does it practically look like to "desire a better country?"
- 2. Think through some of the more difficult situations you are facing and may face this week. What would it look like to deal with those situations with earthly values? What should it look like to deal with those situations with heavenly values?
- 3. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44**. As you reflect on this passage, what excites you the most about your lowly body someday being transformed to be like the glorious body of Jesus?
- 4. **Read Titus 2:11-14**. Could you honestly say your life is filled with a "blessed hope" and that you are eagerly awaiting the return of Christ? If not, what needs to change in your thinking? What practical differences should this hope and expectation make in your life this week?
- 5. *Review Philippians 3:1-4:1*. What has stood out to you most in this study? How can that strengthen your resolve to "stand firm" with right doctrine & right living?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Alcorn, Randy. Heaven. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

Benware, Paul N. Understanding End Times Prophecy. Moody Publishers, 2006.

Fabarez, Mike. 10 Mistakes People Make About Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife. Harvest House, 2018.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray that our church would be filled with hope and eagerness as we wait for Christ's return.

Pray that our church would stand firm and reflect the values of heaven.

Pray for Pastor Ben to have a safe and fruitful trip to visit our missionary partners in Uganda.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life!

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
1/30	Exodus 8-10	Matthew 21
1/31	Exodus 11-13	Matthew 22
2/1	Exodus 14-16	Matthew 23
2/2	Exodus 17-20	Matthew 24:1-28
2/3	Exodus 21-23	Matthew 24:29-51
2/4	Exodus 24-26	Matthew 25