



BIBLE STUDY

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Philippians 3

Faith In Christ: Be An Example

Philippians 3:15-21

NIV 15 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

1. Good Example (15-17)

a. Grow Up/Mature (15)

Philippians 3:15

Amplified Bible

15 All of us who are mature [pursuing spiritual perfection] should have this attitude.
And if in any respect you have a different attitude, that too God will make clear to you.

b. God Will Fix Differences (15b)

Philippians 3:15

New Living Translation

15 Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you.

c. Hold On/Harmony (16)

NIV 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Philippians 3:16

New Living Translation

16 But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

KJV 16 let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

1 Corinthians 1:10

New Living Translation

10 I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Contemporary English Version

10 My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think.

“One band, one sound!”

d. Be An Imitator (17)

NIV 17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

1 Corinthians 11:1

New International Version

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

2. Bad Example (18-19)

NIV 18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

a. Enemies of the Cross (18)

1 Corinthians 1:23

Amplified Bible

23 but we preach Christ crucified, [a message which is] to Jews a stumbling block [that provokes their opposition], and to Gentiles foolishness [just utter nonsense],

b. Earthly Mind Set (19)

NIV 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

Romans 16:18

New Living Translation

18 Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people.

3. Citizenship in Heaven (20-21)

NIV 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 2:19

Amplified Bible

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship], but you are fellow citizens with the saints (God's people), and are [members] of God's household

NIV 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.