

**CFT BRISTOL CHURCH**

**“BOOK BY BOOK” BIBLE STUDY NOTES**

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## Follow My Example (Philippians 3:18-21)

### Philippians 3:18-21 (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. **19** Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **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.

### Notes:

[1] The Apostle Paul is concerned and even driven to tears when he thinks of false teachers who stand against everything that is the truth with regards to the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is truly concerned about the fact that these folks masquerade as Christians, but they are not – he is also concerned about them not been saved as well. We should be concerned about the fate of people who are not saved as well.

- Matthew 5:44
- James 5:20
- Ezekiel 18:23

[2] He outlines four telltale characteristics of these false teachers:

[a] Their end is destruction because they are not truly saved.

- John 3:36

[b] They are greedy for money.

- 1 Timothy 6:5

[c] They call evil, good and celebrate sinful acts (and even take pride in it)

- Isaiah 5:20

[d] Their minds are not set on eternity with Christ. They are focused on the “here and now”

- Philippians 3:19

[3] He contrasts the characteristics these false teachers with those of true believers which is summed up in a lifestyle which is heavenly focused and eagerly awaits the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

- Colossians 3:2
- Titus 2:11-14