

Philippians 3:12-4:1
Finding Joy in the Journey to Eternity

Big Question: What is the Goal of the Christians Life?

Paul calls us to imitate him and to imitate others that we see who have lived the same way as him. Similarly in 1 Corinthians 11:1 Paul say to imitate him as he imitates Christ. Here in Philippians Paul is calling believers to **live a life of righteousness**. In verse 17 he calls us to **imitate** him and **pay careful attention** to others who are following his example.

1. We should acknowledge not everyone is on the same _____ (18-19, 12b, & 20)

Some are living for this world

In contrast we belong to Christ

Our citizenship is in heaven

Our goal is righteousness

2. We should acknowledge that we have not _____ (12a & 13a)

As with Paul our goal has not been reached

Our race is not over

3. We should acknowledge that believers are _____ a goal (3:12-4:1)

We make every effort (12)

We pursue the goal as part of our call (14)

We live the truth that we have obtained (16)

We remember that there are enemies of the cross (18)

We wait for our Savior (20-21)

We stand firm in the Lord (4:1)