

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE  
*ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST*

**Philippians 3:15-19**

After urging us to follow the example set by Paul & others of living by the grace of God with our eyes on the goal of future resurrection & Perfection (vv.15-17), Paul warns against -

**1. Enemies of the cross of Christ**

The word “enemy” contains the idea of hostility & even hatred. Yet we should weep over these enemies.

**2. Who are these enemies for whom we should weep?**

They cannot be opposed to the historic reality of the cross. Are they different from the “dogs & evil workers” of vs.2, or the same? They are the same – completing the circle of chapter 3, and as in vs.2 describing legalistic moralists ironically.

- focus their thoughts on earthly things – their deeds
- worship their belly/appetite – their desire for recognition/reward
- what they glory in – their works – are “filthy rags” (shame)

**3. Their destiny is destruction**

The opposite of what they think they are earning. Why we should weep for them – and pray for them, but not follow them. Only faith in Christ and living by grace will bring us to heavenly glory.