

# MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

## *LONGING FOR HOME & GLORY*

### **Philippians 3:20,21**

Philippians 3 ends on notes of soaring grandeur and expectation. In contrast to “the enemies of the cross of Christ” (vv.18,19), believers in Christ are not focused on things of earth, but on heaven; & their destiny is not destruction, but a glorious resurrection. Armed with such certainties we may “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1)

#### **1. What is your true home? (vs.20)**

**“Our citizenship is in heaven.”**

“Citizenship” – or “commonwealth,” “homeland”

Saving grace brought us to faith in Christ, to a new Father & family,  
AND to a new homeland/citizenship – centered now in heaven.

We are pilgrims journeying to that home. BUT -

already we belong to it, and have fellowship there in worship & prayer  
(Heb.12:22ff).

We live “here” in the light of “there,” & in contrast to verse 19.

While we live here, our first allegiance is there, to Christ our King.

#### **2. What do you eagerly look forward to when Christ comes again from heaven? (vs.21) Among many things -**

**to be “transformed into conformity to His glorious body”**

The present state of affairs – this fallen world, “present evil age” (Gal.1:4) – will come to an end when our Savior returns from heaven to:

- judge those whose god is their appetite (vs.19). AND
- transform those who eagerly wait for Him to be like Him in glory.

The focus here is on **bodily** transformation.

As we look further at this, there may be some surprises for (some of) you.

We do not long to be un-bodied, but clothed with new bodies (2 Cor.5:1-5).

But between “death” & Christ’s coming, we will be with Christ in spirit.

2 Cor.5:8, Phil.1:22, Heb.12:23, Rev.6:9

We long for resurrection from lowly, cursed mortality, to the likeness of the glory of Christ’s resurrected body (NOT deity). 1 Cor.15:42-54

**“Therefore, my beloved brethren ... stand firm in the Lord” (4:1)**