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Series: Philippians - To Live is Christ
Title: Living Clearly
Primary Passage: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Secondary Passage: Colossians 1:11-12
Big Question: How do we get a clear picture of how the Christian life is lived?

Big Idea: We are able to see what the Christian life looks like by looking at Scripture, by looking at other saints, and by looking at those who live opposite to the gospel. We do this while cultivating an expectation of the yet to be realized, but still ongoing transformational work of Christ.
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LIFE Group Application Questions

Who has had the most influence on your spiritual growth?

Read Phil. 3:17-4:1. What stands out to you about this passage? Does Paul seem arrogant when he invites the Philippians to “imitate” his example?

What are the factors you look for in someone whose life is worth paying attention to?

What does it mean to “glory in shame?” Why does that make someone an enemy of the cross?

When you think about Christ transforming your body into the likeness of His glorious body, what do you hope will be different?

Who are you sharing your life with, as Paul did his?

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Where do we get the focus for living the Christian life:

1. Seeing an example in Paul. 2. Seeing the examples of those in the church. 3. Seeing an example of those who live opposite of the gospel. 4. Seeing the return of Christ with eagerness.

Phil. 3:17 Join in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and pay careful attention to those who live according to the example you have in us.

One of the indicators whether or not our heart is being directed by and to Christ is who we are attracted to.

Instead of being enemies of the cross, we see ourselves being conquered by the cross. Conquered flesh, that is not controlled by appetites. Conquered shame, which is not to be carried. Conquered minds, that tell us that we are loved by God.

Phil. 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven and we eagerly await a Saviour from there.

"A reason for the absence of real yearning for Christ's return is that Christians are so comfortable in this world that they have little desire to leave it." A.W. Tozer

Phil. 3:21 He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of His glorious body by the power that enables Him to subject everything to Himself.

Paul is saying, then, that in place of an earthly body that is always characterized by physical decay, indignity, and weakness, the resurrected believer will have a heavenly body that is incapable of deterioration, beautiful in form and appearance, and with limitless energy and perfect health. Once he experiences a resurrection transformation, man will know perennial rejuvenation, since he will have a perfect vehicle for God's deathless Spirit, a body that is invariably responsive to his transformed personality. ~ Murray Harris

Promise: All physical struggle is temporary. All spiritual reality is permanent.

May the body of Christ provide you with many examples to follow.
May the lives of the enemies of the cross be cause for tears and alarm.
May the wonders of your citizenship and your future dance in your soul.
May you "stand firm" in the pursuit of "the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (R. Kent Hughes)