

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Our Healthy Appetite *Philippians 3:17-21*

Vs. 17, "Brethren"

- (Alpha – First/**Original** family)
- Paul is writing to **Christ's family** (**Matt. 12:48-50**)
- **Matt. 10:36-37**, Our earthly family may become enemies
- Christ's family is **our eternal identity & destiny**
- Choose well & wisely

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"Join in following my **example**, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a **pattern**."

- "Example/Pattern/Model" = **Stamped/Pressed**
- **Formed** under great pressure
- Look for lives proven under pressure
- **Matt. 13:5-6**, Some pop up well, but fail **when the heat is on**

Vs. 18, "Many walk... I tell you weeping"

- I've told you before, and it **breaks my heart!**
- The saddest thing on earth is **misrepresenting Christ**

"Enemies of **the cross** of Christ"

- Many want His benefits, but not the cost (**3:10 & II Cor. 1:3-5**)
- **Matt. 10:37-39 & 16:24-26**

Vs. 19, "Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame"

- "Whose god is their belly"
- Belly = **Cavity of the heart**, unfulfilled desire, appetite
- They will **NOT** inherit heaven... but hell

- The opposite of **Matt. 5:6**
- Appetites are acquired. We **love God**, then **desire** what is of Him

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"Glory in **their shame**"

- I believe this is more true now than ever before
- **I Corinthians 6:8-11, Galatians 5:19-21 & 24**
- **I John 1:5-6, 8-10 & 2:15-16**

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"Christians" who declare God blesses & justifies sin

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"Who **set their mind** on earthly things."

- People who claim Christ, but **deny His Word**
- So they **redefine Him** more to their liking
- They deceive others & lead them **away from God**

Colossians 2:8

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Vs. 20, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"

- We are already permanent citizens of heaven
- Our passports have a Visa our temporary time here
- Like Americans in Europe, let our difference be obvious

Romans 12:2 & Colossians 3:1-2

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Vs. 21, "Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according

to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

- *Our spirits are made new*

- *Our minds are being transformed*
- *We eagerly wait for Jesus to make us completely like Him*