

Philippians: Fellowship of the Gospel

Study 15: How to press on to Christlikeness

READ Philippians 3:17-21 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Main Point: The process of becoming Christlike takes place when a believer grows in their knowledge of Christ as presented in Scripture and submits themselves to the Spirit's work in their life in response to this knowledge. This study will look at the ways we can grow in Christ.

1. As you read Philippians 3:17–21, how do you think it relates to Philippians 3:10–16?
2. Paul calls the church at Philippi to imitate him (v. 17). What does Paul mean? (see 1 Cor 11:1; 1 Tim 4:11-12; Heb 13:7)
3. How does keeping your eyes on and following the example of mature Christians who are in the pursuit of perfection help you to grow in Christ? (Example answer: We see how they handle disappointments)
4. Who is your mentor? Do you need to humbly ask a more mature Christian to serve you in this way? Or is there someone whom you could seek to mentor?
5. Who was Paul describing in v. 18? What does it mean to “walk as enemies of the cross of Christ”?
6. What are some characteristics of the “enemies of Christ” in v. 19? How should the church deal with these ones?
7. What can you do to protect yourself from such ungodly pretenders as described in vv. 18-19?
8. How does considering your future life in Christ's kingdom after He returns encourage you to live as a citizen of that kingdom today?