

# PRISON LETTERS

## PHILIPPIANS



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Fill in the blank:

"I am most like Jesus when \_\_\_\_\_."



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“I am most Jesus like when I live like a heavenly citizen while on earth.”



<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:3

<sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:3

<sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. <sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:3

<sup>2</sup> I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:3



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MOBILITY SCORE

126

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VISA-FREE

84

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PASSPORT POWER RANK

4

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INDIVIDUAL POWER RANK

23

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WORLD REACH

63%

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2020 Passport Index

Do not underestimate the power of your  
heavenly passport

God has placed us on earth in order to  
help populate heaven

# 1) SET AN EXAMPLE



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PHILIPPIANS 3:17-19

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PHILIPPIANS 3:17-19

Heavenly citizenship while on earth has  
to do with spiritual maturity

Maturity is the resultant from the process  
of sanctification

<sup>1</sup> Follow my example, as I follow the example  
of Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

Are you worthy of imitation?

Who have you been imitating?

We cannot be heavenly minded and  
earthly minded at the same time

<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers,  
those mutilators of the flesh.

PHILIPPIANS 3:2

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

MARK 8:34

# 2) ANTICIPATE THE TRANSFORMATION



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PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21

Are you excited about the second  
coming of Jesus?

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

MATTHEW 24:36

Our citizenship will take on a whole new meaning at the second coming of Christ because we will experience what is referred to in theology as “glorification”

<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 JOHN 3:2

Heavenly citizenship cannot be a  
Christian's escapist mentality, it is  
a restoration mentality

# 3) HAVE THE SAME MIND



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PHILIPPIANS 3:2-3

Having the mind of Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:16

It is not about Euodia having it her way  
or Syntyche having it her way, it is about  
Christ having His way among us

Heavenly citizenship is not just an  
identification, it is an embodiment

God will use heavenly citizens to help  
correct other heavenly citizens who are  
acting like earthly citizens



"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag,  
and to the Saviour for whose kingdom it  
stands; one Saviour, crucified, risen, and  
coming again with life and liberty to all  
who believe."

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