

Your Future is Bright

Earth Has No Sorrow that Heaven Cannot Heal

Philippians, #15

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Text: Philippians 3:17–21

Truth Points: What truth was covered this Sunday in the message?

1. Why is the word “but” in verse 20 so important?
2. What is the role of citizenship on earth and how does that connect to believers today?
3. Humanity is always looking for deliverance. Give five examples. How does verse 20 help the believer with this longing and hope?
4. Romans 8 says our world groaning, including our bodies. How does verse 21 give us a brighter future? List the contrast between earthy bodies versus heavenly bodies.
5. How much will Jesus subject to himself? When will it happen? Is this a prophetic passage? Does prophecy matter?
6. What sorrow on Earth will not be fixed in Heaven? Can you think of one?

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. Do I love this home in an ungodly way? How would I know? What problems does this create for my soul? Do I long for Heaven like a stranger and alien in this world?

2. Am I enthusiastic about Jesus coming for me or am I looking for other saviors – education, spouse, children, friends, government, church? Do I put ungodly expectations on others that only Jesus can fix? How do I pursue Him better in this area?

3. What are my greatest afflictions in the past, the present, or possible future dangers, threats, and afflictions? Are these areas that only Heaven can heal? Am I fighting for healing on *Earth* that God plans for me in *Heaven*? How is this creating havoc in my soul?

Action Points: What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read** Philippians 4 for next week.
2. **Memorize** Philippians 3:20–21.
3. **Ask** yourself three questions every day:
 - Where is my home?
 - Who will deliver me from every evil deed?
 - When will I get my beach body?
4. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help them follow Jesus better in 2024.