

1. Imitate Heaven-bound people v17

- Select Christ-like people – people with lives shaped by the Gospel
- Select several people – no-one is perfect. Also read Christian biography.
- Be imitable yourself – can others use you as an example? Children?
- Imitation doesn't save – we need Jesus to change us first

2. Avoid Earth-bound attitudes v18-19

a) Devoted to self-indulgence

- *“their god is their stomach”* – literally and figuratively
- What appetites or desires drive us? Are we putting ourselves first?
- Food, drink, sex, relationship, money, power, success, comfort?

b) Justifying Wrong

- *“they glory in their shame”* - People delighting in their sin
- Convincing ourselves that bad is good

c) Blinkered Horizons

- *“their mind is on earthly things”* – living for the short-term

- There is no hope for those on this track – *“Their destiny is destruction”*
- These set us against our saviour – *“enemies of the cross of Christ”*

3. Live as Citizens of a better kingdom v20-21

- *“But our...”* – a great contrast for the Christian
- Philippi was a Roman city in a Greek region
- Christians aren't home yet, but we are a colony of Heaven

a) Realise you are citizens

- *“Our citizenship is in Heaven”* - Belonging comes before behaving
- Who you are determines how you live
- Wherever you are – home, school, work – you are a citizen of Heaven

b) Recognise your allegiance

- *“we eagerly await ... the Lord Jesus Christ”*
- Our allegiance is not to appetites, to self, to others, but to Christ
- Can't engage in sin if you are eagerly awaiting the king
- He is a King who died to rescue us – *“Saviour”*

c) Relish your reward

- *“who will transform our lowly bodies...”*
- They live for glory (19), but our glory (21) far surpasses what they get
- v21 echoes 2:6-11. We will follow on a similar path of transformation
- What we get far outweighs all we've lost. Grasping this enables us to live in a world that holds out fleeting pleasures as if they were eternal.



Notices

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| Sun | Evening service at Milford | 8pm |
| Tues | Bible Study at Mark & Judith's - pick up a question sheet | 8pm |
| Sun 13th | Lord's Supper at morning service - If you haven't taken part in the Lord's Supper with us and would like to take part please speak to Mark before next week. If you simply wish to come along but not take part, you're welcome to do that. | |
| Fri 18th | Fellowship food and fun night | |

Camp Reunions

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| 11th-13th Dec - Boys Adventure Camp | 18th-20th Dec - Girls Discovery Camp |
| 29th-31st January - Boys Discovery Camp & Girls Adventure Camp | |
| 5th-7th February - Senior Camp | |
| Forms available for camps | |

getting to know the WIDER CHURCH

Congregation: Portrush
Presbytery: Northern
Pastor: Samuel McCollum, married to Helen,
with 2 children - Scott & Esther
Attendance: 40



Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the kids club that runs on a Wednesday evening. 9 attend regularly, with most coming from non-Christian homes. Pray that the children will understand what it means to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for wisdom for the elders as they discuss how to bring the gospel to people in their community.
- Pray that God will preserve the older members of the congregation through the winter. Pray especially for a 96 year old man who is due to have a pacemaker fitted.

Sunday 13th - Phillipians 4:2-7

Opening Psalm: 107:24-28

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