

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 15, 2023
Philippians 3:15-21

1. Who is Paul talking to, according to verse 15? _____
2. What view does Paul say that all of us who are mature should take?
 - a. That we have not already obtained “all this” or already arrived at our goal.
 - b. That we press on to take hold of the plan that God had in mind when he sent Jesus Christ.
 - c. That we put the past behind us and strain toward what is ahead, the future that Christ has for us.
 - d. That relationship rather than ritual is God’s plan for the Christian life and relationship is present and reaching for a better future, while rules and ritual are based in the past.
3. What does Paul say about those who may think differently, according to verse 15? _____

4. In what ways might people think differently?
 - a. I don’t know, this sounds about right.
 - b. Some might think that even when we are not pressing forward, Christ is affirming who we are and have been.
 - c. Some might think that they are already all they need to be and don’t need to grow or press on to something better.
5. What does verse 3:16 mean?
 - a. We can stop pressing forward, we’ve come far enough.
 - b. We must not fall backward (which we are likely to do, when we stop pressing forward).
6. Who, according to Paul should the Philippians follow as an example, according to verse 17?
 - a. Nobody, because none of them are perfect and if they asked us to follow them, that would be arrogant.
 - b. Paul and his fellow ministers.
 - c. Others who live as they do.
 - d. Those who forget what is behind and press on to what’s ahead.
 - e. People who are not enemies of the cross of Christ.
7. How does Paul describe those who are enemies of the cross and destined for destruction, according to verse 3:18-19?
 - a. Those whose god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame.
 - b. Those whose mind is set on earthly things.
8. How does Paul describe he and other believers, according to verse 3:20-21?
 - a. Our citizenship is in heaven.
 - b. We eagerly await a Savior from heaven.
 - c. We eagerly await God’s power to transform our bodies.
9. What are you pressing toward? _____
What is your god? _____
What do you eagerly await? _____