

Philippians 3:2 - 4:1

1. **Christ**-centered self-identity (1:8, 18, 19-21; 2:1-11)
2. **Suffering** due to Christ-centered life (1:12-14; 24-26; 27-30; 2:14-18)
3. **Eschatology** results in rewards (1:6, 10, 28; 2:9-11; 2:16)

Outline

- Christ
 - 3:2-7 - The contrast: self-centered self-identity
 - 3:7-11 - The correct perspective: Christ-centered self-identity
- Suffering
 - 3:12-17 - The correct perspective: Pressing on, straining toward, mature for Christ's purpose for us
 - 3:17-19 - The contrast: Mind on earthly things, enemies of a self-identity with Christ (cross = suffering)
- Eschatology
 - 3:19 - The contrast: Destiny is destruction
 - 3:20-4:1 - The correct perspective: **Await a Savior** with power to bring everything under his control and glorify our earthly bodies
- *1 Corinthians 1:7* - "so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you **wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"
- *1 Thessalonians 1:9-10* - "For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and **to wait for his Son from heaven**, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come."
- *Philippians 1:10* - "so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ."
- *Titus 2:11-13* - "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."
- *James 5:7-8* - "**Be patient**, therefore, brothers, **until the coming of the Lord**. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."
- *1 Peter 1:13* - "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you **at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**"
- *2 Peter 3:11-12* - "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God."