

# Being His “Joy And Crown”!

## The Invitation To Be Friends Of Christ’s Cross

Philippians 3:8-4:1 (981)

Today the outlook of the Apostle Paul is on display – an interesting blend of caution and confidence. He is cautious because true friends of Christ’s cross are only revealed over time (v 18). He is confident because “Christ Jesus has made me his own” (v 12). Learn to imitate these qualities by watching carefully those who mentor you.

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostle (v 10-16)

- Lays Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ closely beside how \_\_\_\_\_
- Lays the “not \_\_\_\_\_” closely beside the “\_\_\_\_\_”
- Lays \_\_\_\_\_ (‘\_\_\_\_\_ man’) beside \_\_\_\_\_ (‘\_\_\_\_\_ man’)

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Brothers (v 17)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s Enemies (v 18-19)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of enemies
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of this desertion

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’ Church (v3:20-4:1)

- \_\_\_\_\_ as a kingdom \_\_\_\_\_!
- Anticipate a wondrous \_\_\_\_\_!
- God and the \_\_\_\_\_ are honored as you \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_!

*(Philippians: An Expository Commentary by James Montgomery Boice)*