

### **Philippians 3:20-4:9 – The Mind of Christ Regarding Peace**

In thinking about these verses of Philippians, remember that Paul has the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16), the same mind that we are to have (2:5). These verses reveal the attitude toward peace which the mind of Christ produced in Paul. Think about how having the mind of Christ can improve our own attitudes.

#### *Philippians 3:20-21*

1) Discuss “colony of heaven” from the viewpoint of the historical context in Philippi. What are the implications of heavenly citizenship?

2) What word describes our present body? Into what will Christ transform it when He comes again? By what power will this transformation be accomplished?

#### *Philippians 4:1-9*

3) What is the basis for Paul’s “stand fast” exhortation? How does this relate to what precedes it?

4) What do we know about the two women who were having problems? What was the solution to their problem? Who was asked to help them?

5) Would the temporal circumstances of Paul or the Philippians encourage rejoicing? In what could they rejoice?

6) Check a few different translations and suggest the meaning of the word translated "gentleness" in the NIV. What circumstances in our society test this in us? In what confidence is such gentleness possible?

7) What kinds of things do we worry about? What did Paul have to worry about? What does Paul offer as an alternative to worry?

8) Why is it that the peace which a Christian enjoys is not understood by the world? What can cause us to not possess such peace?

9) What qualities should characterize our thoughts? What ways could the Philippians benefit from their relationship with Paul?