

ENEMIES OF THE CROSS

Philippians 3:18-19

THEIR END IS DESTRUCTION

- He starts by considering the end.
- We must try to repeat the reality of hell as often as we find it in God's word.
- But we must not make repetitions in vain (Matt. 10:28).
- We must warn even if many will not heed (Matt. 23:33).

WHOSE GOD IS THEIR APPETITE

- This involves literal belly but is not limited to that (Rom. 16:18).
- This is the idea of behaving by impulse.
- Our god is whatever guides us and motivates us above all else.
- What do you let guide you (1 Cor. 8:13; Mk. 14:37; Lk. 14:18-21; 1 Tim. 2:9-10; Matt. 5:27-30)?
- You must master it (Gen. 4:7).

THEY GLORY IN THEIR SHAME

- This is certainly true in our culture (Isa. 5:20; Rom. 1:32).
- But it is also true among those who claim to follow Christ (1 Cor. 5:2).
- Some even try to find authority for this glory in their shame (2 Cor. 12:9).
- Shame should lead to change (2 Cor. 7:10-11).

WHO SET THEIR MINDS ON EARTHLY THINGS

- It is very easy to forget that we are strangers and pilgrims here (1 Pet. 2:11).
- Yet there are those who lived under the old covenant who managed to look ahead (Heb. 11:13).
- Paul contrasts their focus with what ours should be (3:20-21).