**MAIN THOUGHT** You need spiritual mentors who are HEAVENLY MINDED, not EARTHLY MINDED, upon which to trace your life.

**INTRODUCTION** (17). Your life should be a PATTERN (GK=typos – type, pattern (John 20:25)) for others to TAKE NOTE OF (GK=skopos – sentry, watchman) like Paul (1 Cor. 11:1) and Christ (1 Pet. 2:21).

**EARTHLY MINDED** (18-19).

- Paul was moved to tears not for himself but for others (John 11:35).
- The ENEMIES OF THE CROSS were extremists: legalistic Judaizers (3:2; Acts 20:19; Col. 2:20-23) or their opposite (no law – eat, drink, and be merry) Epicureans (Acts 17:18).
  - Their destiny: DESTRUCTION (Matt. 7:13 – damnation, perdition, perish).
  - Their glory: SHAME (Rom. 1:29-30; Jude 16).
  - Their mind: EARTHLY THINGS – the carnal, fleshly, Christian (1 Cor. 3:1-2) like Lot (Gen. 13:10-11) but unlike Moses (Heb. 11:24-26).

**HEAVENLY MINDED** (20-21).

- You are a CITIZEN (GK=politic) of heaven (Heb. 11:16) – not of this world (John 8:23).
- You are WAITING (Luke 23:51; 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 9:28) for a Savior from there.
- He has POWER (GK=energy) that ENABLES (GK=dunamis – dynamite) Him to save.
- Today, things are controlled by Satan – the prince of this world (John 12:31); but soon, Christ will bring everything under His control (Psa. 110:1; Matt. 12:28; Eph. 1:20-22).
- He will TRANSFORM (Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:52) our LOWLY BODIES which are currently subject to decay, weakness, and death (Rom. 8:10; 1 Cor. 15:42-44).
- You will have a body just like Jesus (1 John 3:20)!

**YOU**

- YOUR NAME IS ON HEAVEN’S RECORD (Phil. 4:3).
- YOU SPEAK HEAVEN’S LANGUAGE (Col. 4:6).
- YOU OBEY HEAVEN’S LAWS (1 Pet. 2:11-12).
- YOU ARE LOYAL TO HEAVEN’S CAUSE (Rev. 5:9-10).
- YOU ARE LOOKING FOR HEAVEN’S LORD (Heb. 9:28).