

**Together for the Gospel**  
**7. Gospel Citizenship (Phil. 3:12-4:1)**

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## Introduction

*-Perseverance*

### How can we run the Christian race well?

#### 1. Pursue the Prize (v12-16)

- The goal
- The manner
- The motivation

#### 2. Emulate Examples (v17-19)

- Follow good ones (v17)
  
- Avoid bad ones (v18-19)

#### 3. Hold a Heavenly Perspective (v20-21)

## Conclusion

*-Stand Firm (4:1)*

## **Philippians 3:12-4:1(NIV)**

**3:12** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. **13** Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**15** All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. **16** Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

**17** Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. **18** For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. **19** Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**4:1** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!