

# **Enemies of the Cross**

Text: *Philippians 3:12-21*

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## **INTRODUCTION - *Phil. 3:1-3***

### **I. THEIR DESCRIPTION**

- A. He refers to them as dogs, evil workers, and the concision (*Phil. 3: 2*)
- B. Their end or destiny is destruction (*v. 19*)
- C. Their god is their belly (*v. 19; Rom. 16:17*)
- D. Their glory is in their shame (*v. 19*)
- E. They mind earthly things (*v. 19*)

### **II. THEIR DESIGNATION (*v. 18 - "enemies of the cross of Christ"*)**

- A. Why did Paul label them enemies of the cross of Christ rather than just the enemies of Christ?
  - 1) A profession without Christlikeness denies the power of the message of the cross (*1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 6:1-23*)
  - 2) A profession without Christlikeness disregards the Person on the cross.
    - a) The cross is a reminder of Christ's love (*John 15:13*)
    - b) The cross serves as a reminder of the suffering He endured
    - c) The cross serves as a reminder of the devotion He deserves
    - d) The cross serves as a reminder of the completion of God's plan.