

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 38

Chapter 3, verse 20: Our Conversation is in Heaven

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Conversation: the general course of manners, of behavior, or of deportment (conduct). It is the way we live our lives.

Our manner of life today should be governed and controlled by the resurrection life that we will enjoy one day in heaven. In fact, the evidence of salvation is a change in our behavior.

Eph 2:2-3 Walking after the course of this world, following Satan's lead, and fulfilling the desires of the lusts of our flesh: these are all spoken of in the past tense for the born-again child of God. That is our past conversation, but it doesn't control us anymore.

Eph 4:22-23 When a person comes to know Jesus Christ, they put off the corrupt FORMER conversation (manner of life).

Gal 1:13 Paul's former conversation included persecuting the church of God and wasting it. Now that he knows Jesus Christ, those former ways are a thing of the past.

- If you are living the same life you lived before you met Jesus, you cannot preach Jesus without being a hypocrite who will turn people AWAY from Him.
- The people of the world expect to see a change in you if you call yourself Christian.

2 Pet 2:7 When God looks at the manner of life lived by those who do not love Him, He calls it "**filthy conversation.**" Any admixture of filthy living into your godly life makes your conversation filthy.

1 Pet 1:18 The things you pursue in this life will amount to nothing if they don't include Jesus.

2 Cor 1:12 God wants us to have a heavenly conversation while we live in this world so that we can proclaim the gospel to the world and bring honor and glory to the Lord.

Php 1:27 Our conversation in the world should attract people to the gospel of Christ. Anything we do that doesn't match a godly life will stand out and nullify any good that we may have shown.

1 Tim 4:12 Be an example of the believers...in conversation. People should be able to look at the way you live and see what a believer in Jesus Christ is supposed to be.

Heb 13:5 Covetousness should not be a part of your conversation. Anything that you might gain through covetousness would only be temporary. Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you. There is the eternal focus of your conversation.

1 Pet 1:14-16 Don't behave like you did in your former lusts. Be holy in all manner of conversation.

1 Pet 2:11-12 Your conversation should be honest among the Gentiles so they can see that your lusts do not control you, but God in heaven does.

1 Pet 3:1-2 Wives can win their husbands to Christ by their conversation without the word. Therefore, conversation is more than just words. It is a way of living that can be seen by others.

1 Pet 3:16 People may speak evil of you. Your responsibility is to make sure what they say isn't true, according to your good conversation.

Live a life that brings pleasure to your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Live a life that reveals that Jesus Christ has done a genuine work in your life.