

Boundaries and Walls

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Introduction

We can overcome boundaries and walls—no spiritual passport required, because no artificial walls/boundaries have been erected. You can't see the lines between nations or countries from space. They only show up on a map.

Phil. 3:12-13: leader/follower boundary

Spiritual leaders increase their spiritual influence if they admit their own spiritual inadequacies. Paul says something that was certainly a part of the experience of many other Christians in the first century.

Was Paul forgetting his "successes"? This is Paul's authenticity.

Phil. 3:14-15: cultural/generational boundary

When God is the shared source of ministry, there will always be hope.

Phil. 3:16-19: theological boundary

We will not be enemies of the cross if we honor the lives of faithful saints

Phil. 3:20-21: cosmic boundary

Because our citizenship is in heaven, we await our Lord, see God controlling the future, and we will be transformed

Phil. 4:1-3: social boundary

When we stand firm in the Lord, we will agree in the Lord despite social differences

Conclusion

How do we share beliefs and not values?

Am I committed to something bigger than I am, that will last longer than I will?

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