Jonathan (Choose this Day) 1Sam 14

Php\_3:19

**Whose end is destruction** - That is, as they have no true religion, they must perish in the same manner as all sinners. A mere profession will not save them. Unless they are converted, and become the true friends of the cross, they cannot enter heaven.

**Whose God is their belly** - Who worship their own appetites; or who live not to adore and honor God, but for self-indulgence and sensual gratifications; see Rom\_16:18.

**And whose glory is in their shame** - That is, they glory in things of which they ought to be ashamed. They indulge in modes of living which ought to cover them with confusion.

**Who mind earthly things** - That is, whose hearts are set on earthly things, or who live to obtain them. Their attention is directed to honor, gain, or pleasure, and their chief anxiety is that they may secure these objects. This is mentioned as one of the characteristics of enmity to the cross of Christ; and if this be so, how many are there in the church now who are the real enemies of the cross! How many professing Christians are there who regard little else than worldly things! How many who live only to acquire wealth, to gain honor, or to enjoy the pleasures of the world! How many are there who have no interest in a prayer meeting, in a Sunday school, in religious conversation, and in the advancement of true religion on the earth! These are the real enemies of the cross. It is not so much those who deny the doctrines of the cross, as it is those who oppose its influence on their hearts; not so much those who live to scoff and deride religion, as it is those who “mind earthly things,” that injure this holy cause in the world.

Col\_3:5; Rom\_8:13;

**Propensity**: an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.