

Philippians 3

the goal of life

I. Know Christ Personally II. Keep Focused on the goal III. Stand firm in the Lord

I. Know Christ Personally | Philippians 3:1-11

As we pursue Christ, as we put Him in the forefront of our minds, what are we supposed to do?

Watch out

Where am I vulnerable?

Remember: Following Christ is about Him, not our works

Nothing else matters but Christ

Perfection: freedom from fault or defect; an exemplification of supreme excellence; an unsurpassable degree of accuracy or excellence.

Santification: the process of becoming more like Christ; the act of becoming holy.

Righteousness: (See handout)

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And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[a] for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30

II. Pursue reaching forward to God's Goal | Philippians 3:12-16

What does Paul say about our progress for Christian living?

Strive to be like Christ

Press towards the goal

Goal: skopos, the distant mark looked at, the goal or end one has in view

Our GOAL should be fellowship with Christ.

Prize: brabeion, (metaphor) of the heavenly reward for Christian character.

Seek Christ's approval

Are others better because I am living where God has placed me?

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III. Stand firm in the Lord | Philippians 3:17-21

How am I living?

What earthly things have my focus more than Christ?



Personal Application

1. Identify your areas of vulnerability for attacks from the enemy.

2. Who is watching you and the example you are setting?

3. In what areas are you focusing on earthly things instead of Christ?

Additional Readings

Philippians 3:1-11// Jeremiah 9:23-24// 1 Peter 2:1-10

Philippians 3:12-16// Romans 8:28-30// 1 Corinthians 9:19-27// Colossians 3:1-4

Philippians 3:17-20// Romans 16:17-20// 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12// Titus 2:11-14