

## The Process for a Maturing Believer

*Philippians 3:10-12*

Righteousness only comes by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (*Phil. 3:7-9*)

### What should be the highest goal for you as a believer?

#### 1. A BELIEVER'S HIGHEST GOAL IS TO LIVE IN VIGOROUS FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST (v.10)

The power of HIS resurrection -

The fellowship of HIS sufferings -

Conforming to Christ's death -

#### 2. A BELIEVER'S HARDEST CHALLENGE IS TO RELY ON CHRIST TO REACH COMPLETE MATURITY (v.11)

Paul's Uncertainty

Not his eternal destiny

Spiritual maturity

Paul's Word Change:

"Anastasis" - \_\_\_\_\_

"Exanastasis" - \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. A BELIEVER'S HEALTHIEST PRIORITY IS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GROW IN MATURITY (v.12a)

Spiritual immaturity is based on a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

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#### 4. A BELIEVER HAS HOPE THEY ARE MATURING BECAUSE CHRIST HOLDS THEM (v.12b)

Gal. 1:22-23

Phil. 3:12-13

**Reflection Questions:**

- How are you in the maturation process as a follower of Jesus?
- What changes need to happen so that your highest goal is to know Christ?
- Do you believe Christ will bring you to complete maturity? Why or why not?
- What habits or ideas about yourself are feeding your fleshly desires and hindering you from the healthiest priority of making every effort to grow in spiritual maturity and experience the fullness of resurrection life? What is the Holy Spirit telling you to do about it?