

Series: Philippians: That We May Know Him VIII

Text: Philippians 3:12-16

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Title: *One Thing*

Hook: Resting on your laurels

Date: 10.29.23

Purpose: To encourage God's people to grow in the salvation that Christ is working in them.

FCF: Like the Philippians, we can be easily apathetic. The grace of God through Paul's example calls us to press on in the work God is doing in us.

COR: As fallible people, we become quickly apathetic and complacent. The gospel of Jesus calls us to a new way of living by securing us in the work of Jesus.

Witness of Christ [WC*]: In union with Christ, we are transformed. He gives us a new identity and calls us to run the race marked out for us. He is with us in this race.

Apologetic: You are striving for something. Is it worth it? Will what you are giving your life to pay off in the end? What motivates you to strive like you do? What is the ultimate purpose of it all?

Text Tone: Encouragement

Preaching Voice: Prophetic

Form: Deductive

Call to Worship: Philippians 1:2

Benediction: Philippians 1:9-11

Outline:

I. Those who are saved keep striving for Christ. (12-14)

A. Christ stakes his claim on us.

B. We strive to grow in Christ.

II. Those who are mature keep learning from God. (15-16)

A. God grows our maturity by revealing our immaturity.

B. We build a mature life on the foundation of Christ.

Main Idea:

Subject: How does a mature Christian respond to the work of Christ in him?

Complement: By growing into it.

Exegetical Idea: Mature Christians respond to the work of Christ in them by growing into it.

Theological Idea: Christian maturity is a mindset that is constantly growing into the salvation Christ works in the lives of his people.

Homiletical Idea: Press on.

Introduction:

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“Resting on laurels” [PICS]

RE-READ vv. 8-11.

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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I. Those who are saved keep striving for Christ. (12-14)

1) Humble self-awareness (13a)

2) Singular focus (13b)

3) Disciplined forgetfulness (13c)

4) Determined responsiveness: (13d-14)

Moises Silva: “The “prize” is clearly the culmination of the whole work of salvation –with all its implications—to which God has called us.”

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II. Those who are mature keep learning from God. (15-16)

“The more we know, the less we become.” Gavin Hesse

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:10: so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

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