

READ Philippians 3:12-16

Straining Toward the Goal

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9 and 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— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Justification- The finished work of Christ on the cross, through which our sins are held against us no more.

Sanctification- The continued work of the Holy Spirit in His people, changing us to be more and more like Jesus each day.

Glorification- The future for each Christ-follower, the “resurrection from the dead”, an eternity with Jesus in heaven.

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I. Press for the prize

READ Ephesians 2:8-9

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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II. Your race is not run alone

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