



## PART 4: EYE ON THE PRIZE | Sunday, July 31, 2016

*Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

### OUR PAST | JUSTIFICATION

Philippians 3:1-9 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

1. We gain access to God by \_\_\_\_\_, not works.
2. We hold onto the prize of our \_\_\_\_\_ and justification.

*re-demp-tion: The clearing of a debt. Atoning for a fault or mistake. Deliverance from sin; to be rescued.*

*jus-ti-fi-ca-tion: The action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God.*

3. We don't allow our past to be an \_\_\_\_\_ to our present.

### OUR PRESENT | SANCTIFICATION

Philippians 3:10-11 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

1. Our #1 purpose in life between the day we are saved and the day we enter heaven is to \_\_\_\_\_ more each day!

Matthew 7:22-23 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Philippians 3:12-14 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

2. Pursuing the prize on a daily basis:

- Study the scriptures.
- \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.
- Imitate Him.

Ephesians 5:1 AMP Therefore become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father];

➤ Make changes and adjustments.

Philippians 3:15-16 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

3. We are sanctified by living according to God's design and \_\_\_\_\_.

## OUR FUTURE | GLORIFICATION

Philippians 3:20-21 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1. We recognize this world is \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ our eternal investments.

Matthew 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*\*All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*