

STUDY GUIDE – PHILIPPIANS 3 – **Part 2** – Verses 12-21Chapter 3:12-21

1. v. 12 What is said in verse 12 in likely referring to the fact that the _____ of _____ has _____ been completed
- Aspects of Christian _____ are spoken of in _____ and _____ (cf. Ephesians 3:14-19; 4:13).
 - Paul speaks of his spiritual growth in terms of
 - not having _____ (from a word which means _____ or _____) and
 - not already _____ (from which means _____ or reached its end)
 - v. 13 not having _____ (form of # (1) meaning _____)\
2. v. 13 Paul says that Christ had *laid hold* of him. To what end or purpose? (cf. v. 9-10; Romans 8:28-30; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- The text in Romans 8 teaches that in His predeterminate _____, God _____ us and _____ us and _____ us and _____ for us to the end that we may be _____ to the _____ of Christ (in the _____) and then finally conformed to the image of Christ in a _____ (Philippians 3:20).
3. Paul's goal is to reach or lay hold on that goal. Therefore he
- v. 13 first _____ or assesses where he is _____ (*I do not count myself to have apprehended*)
 - v. 13b he _____ those things behind (see verses 4-6; Galatians 4:9)
 - one thing* indicates
 - the goal is primary in _____ (v. 7-8)
 - the goal is _____ (cf. Hebrews 12:1-2; Proverbs 4:25-27)
 - the goal is primary in _____ and _____ (Matthew 22:37; Acts 20:24)
 - v. 13c he _____ forward to those things which are _____
 - like he does in Acts 20:24; Romans 9:6; and 1 Corinthians 9:24, 26, Paul uses the metaphor of an _____ a race in this section.

(2) he _____ forward (like a runner _____ every muscle to cross the finish line)

d. v. 14a he _____ toward or _____ the goal

4. v. 14b Ahead of Paul is the goal for the _____ of the _____ call of God in Christ Jesus.

5. Practical application of the learning from this text.

a. On a sheet of paper describe yourself if you had “already attained” and were totally conformed to the image of Christ. (Your “goal you”. You as the ideal Christian in thoughts, manners, behaviors)

b. Now tell what you still have to work on “forgetting” or “counting as loss. What is yet to be “laid aside” that is a weight or sin that holds you back from your goal?

c. When it comes to where you are now and your “goal you” in being conformed to the image of Christ, develop a “reaching” or “pressing forward” plan. Knowing that God is (Ephesians 3:20) *able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us*, what specific things will you do to help you reach toward the goal? (what will you start doing or do more of?)

6. v. 15 All _____ Christians should have this _____ of pressing toward the goal

7. How will God reveal immaturity?

a. The essential source of revelation from God is (for us) the _____ of God (Ephesians 3:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

b. God has given us the _____ who works through the word to help us (Romans 8:26-27)

c. The _____ and _____ of fellow mature Christians helps us (v. 17; 1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:15)

d. Our _____ and the prayers of _____ in our behalf helps us (2 Corinthians 13:9)

e. the _____ we face, where we must _____ maturity help us (James 1:2-3; Hebrews 12:5-11)

8. An indication of maturity is their ability to (cf 1:27; 2:2)
- _____ by the same _____
 - _____ the same _____
or “_____ to the same _____”
9. v. 17-19 Don't follow those whose walk demonstrates that they are _____ of the _____ of Christ (1:28; 3:1-2)
- their end is _____ (2 Peter 2:1-11; Revelation 20:10)
 - their god is their _____ or _____ (2 Peter 2:12-14)
 - whose glory or _____ is in their _____ (v. 4; 2 Peter 2:18-19)
 - who set their mind on _____ (Colossians 3:1-7; 1 John 2:15)
10. As previously pointed out, the Philippians were Roman citizens and though they did not live in Rome, they adopted the _____, customs, dress and _____ of Rome.
11. v. 20 Christians live in this world, but our _____ is in _____ (cf. 1 Peter 2:9-12)
12. For what do we eagerly wait? (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10) For _____
13. When Christ returns, he will _____ our lowly body to be _____ to His _____ body (1 Corinthians 15:51ff)
- He will do so by the same _____ that enabled Him to _____ (put under subjection) all things (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:19-23)