

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Pressing On - Philippians 3:12-16 - Pressing On - 12.29.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you approach the new year, are there any specific goals that you've set for the year ahead?  
If so, what are those goals and what intentional plans have you made to take steps toward achieving them?  
How do the goals that you have before you align with God's will for you and your identity in Christ Jesus?  
How does focussing on the future and not dwelling on the past help you to accomplish the goals you've set?  
How do Philippians 3:12-14 reveal the singular goal of greatest importance that should be constantly in front of every believer?
3. Our text for the message was Philippians 3:12-16, but read Philippians 3:8-11 for a broader context:  
How do verses 8-11 provide a better understanding for what exactly the "this" is that the Apostle Paul is pursuing in his life?  
As you look at his motivation/actions, how does this text reveal that all who are in Christ are to share these motivation/actions?  
How does the Apostle Paul view his former ways of life in comparison to the worth of knowing Jesus?  
What can we learn from him in this, and are there any ways that you find yourself still resting/hoping on your laurels?  
How does the gospel reveal that Jesus is greater than all other things in which we might be tempted to hope?
4. How does the term "pressing on" presuppose obstacles/challenges that will need to be overcome in order to accomplish the goal?  
What is the goal explicitly outlined in this text, and how should the prize rightly motivate us to pursue this goal in our lives.
5. I shared the following quotes in the sermon - how do each of these quotes resonate with you as you reflect on your life in Christ?
  1. "Believers make Christ all in all, and set their hearts upon another world." - Matthew Henry
  2. "No doubt the greatest need among God's people is to live up to what they already have in Christ. Most live far below their exalted position in Christ." - Dr. Robert P. Lightner
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?  
**FORGET WHATEVER LIES BEHIND US!**  
OUR PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
OUR PAST FAILURES/SINS  
**PRESS ON FOR ALL THAT'S OURS IN JESUS!**  
Rest in Jesus' finished work on the cross! - JUSTIFICATION (Past)  
Abide in Jesus as He works to make us holy! - SANCTIFICATION (Present)  
Fix our eyes on the prize that's ours in Jesus! - GLORIFICATION (Future)  
**\*OUR PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE ARE ALL WRAPPED UP IN CHRIST!**