LIVING AS A CHILD OF HEAVEN • Philippians 3:12-21

Paul's goal for his life (Philippians 3:10-11):

The goal for your life:

GETTING LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE

Philippians 3:12-14

One thing I do:

Forgetting what is behind:

Straining towards what is ahead:

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Phil 3:16 Be _____

Phil 3:17 Be _____

Phil 3:18-19 Be _____

Some live as _____ of the cross

Their god is _____

Their glory is _____

Their mind is on _____

Colossians 3:1-2 Set your heart _____

Set your mind _____

Phil 3:20-21 Be _____

Acts 1:11

1. Read Philippians 3:10-11. What was Paul's goal for his life?

2. Give some thought to what the goal for your life is.

3. Read Philippians 3:12. When and how did Jesus "take hold," of you?

   What does it mean when Paul says, "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me?"

4. Read Philippians 3:13-14. What is the 'one thing' that Paul does in order to achieve his goal? Explain.

5. How can things in our past, good and bad, negatively affect the fulfillment of the goal of our lives?

6. What is the significance of Paul using the words, "straining towards what is ahead, I press on..."?

   As a believer, we have the power of God in our lives. Read Ephesians 3:20 and 1 Corinthians 1:18. What do these verses say about the power of God and what is possible through Christ?

7. Read Philippians 3:15. From this verse, what is God going to make clear to us?

8. Read Philippians 3:17-19. Paul points out how important it is to live as an example, and to surround ourselves with people who are good examples to us. Paul says that many are living as enemies of the cross? What does he mean?

   How can we make sure that we don't become like them?
   (Also read Colossians 3:1-3)

9. Read Philippians 3:20-21. What does it mean that our 'citizenship is in heaven'

   How should we live as a citizen of heaven?

   What does Paul say that the power of God will achieve in us?