

Keep On Shufflin'

Pursue Jesus and His Holiness

Philippians, #13

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Text: Philippians 3:12–16

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Read Philippians 3:1–16. How do verses 12–16 fit into the context?
2. What does verse 3 teach us about true believers and false teachers that come into the church? The two metaphors in the passage are accounting and racing. What is the point of each and how does it confront those who put confidence in the flesh?
3. In verse 12, Paul is honest about what? Why is this important? How does this relate to Romans 12:3? Paul focuses on one extreme but what is the other? See 1 John 3:1–3.
4. One thing! (Verses 13–14) What is the one thing?
5. Why did Paul need to forget his past sins? Do you?
6. Why did Paul need to forget his past sufferings? Do you?
7. Why did Paul need to forget his past success? Do you?

8. What was Paul reaching for?

9. How do spiritually mature (perfect) people think and live? See verses 15–16.

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. Do I have confidence in my flesh: my goodness, my efforts, my success, etc.? Do I have the right view of myself? Has Satan's old lie in the garden gripped my heart? Has the teaching of the early Judaizers seduced me?

2. Am I passionately pursuing Jesus and his righteousness? Am I pressing on? Are past sins holding me back? Are past hurts holding me back? Are past successes holding me back? How do I forget them and race forward?

3. Would the Holy Spirit say I am mature? Do I think like a mature believer? Do I live like a mature believer? How long will I test God and live like a child?

Action Points: What am I going to do this week because of this truth?

1. **Read for next week:** Philippians 3:17–21.

2. **Ask yourself these three questions every day:**
 - Am I pursuing Jesus and His righteousness right now?
 - What do I need to forget so I can get in the race?
 - Will I think like a spiritual adult or child today?

3. **Share the Story:** Share with a friend what you're learning about Jesus in 2024.