

Sermon Scripture Passage: Philippians 3:12-21

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Scripture References:

Romans 8:28-30 (NLT) – 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

2 Corinthians 5:17– Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Psalm 103:10-12

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

John 16:33 – I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Colossians 3:1-2 – Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

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Philippians #7 – Philippians 3:12-21 – The Upward Call

What goal has God set for His People?

Romans 8:28-30 (NLT)

What happens/changes for us when we put our faith in Christ? *2 Corinthians 5:17*

The Upward Call is the process of _____ what God has already declared us to _____.

Philippians 3:12-21 Three Truths for Me + Seven More for Us

- 3:12 One – Christ Jesus has taken _____ of me
- 3:13 Two – Past _____ don't rule over me.
- 3:14 Three – My _____ are set on the goal.
- 3:15 Four – We are to be mature in our _____.
- 3:16 Five – We hold our _____
- 3:17 Six – We follow Jesus _____
- 3:18 Seven – We won't let others take us off _____.
- 3:19 Eight – Our _____ is set on things above
- 3:20 Nine – Our first _____ is Christ's Kingdom
- 3:21 Ten – We know that His _____ at work in us will get us there.

Who may enter the kingdom of Christ? Psalm 51:17, Matthew 5:3, Luke 14:21

What is God's way of getting His People to the destination?

Answers for the blanks:

- Becoming – Be
- Hold
- Failures/Sins
- Eyes
- Thinking
- Ground
- Together
- Course
- Mind
- Loyalty
- Power