

# Press on Toward the Goal

Philippians 3:12-21

Key Verse: 3:13b-14

**“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”**

1. Review 3:10-11. What was Paul's life goal? How did he view his progress? (12a,13a) What does it mean that Christ Jesus took hold of Paul? (12b) How did this change his life goal? How did he pursue it?
2. Read verses 13b-14. What was the “one thing” Paul did? What do you think you should forget? What does it mean to “strain toward”? What is the prize? What is your life goal and how can you attain it?
3. What view of things should mature Christians have? (15) How did Paul see those who think differently? (15b) How did he encourage the Philippians to live? (16-17) Think about the importance of “example” and “model” (1 Cor 11:1).
4. Who did Paul warn the Philippians about? (18) What characterizes enemies of the cross of Christ? (19; Ro 6:1,15; Gal 5:13) How might they be working today?
5. Contrary to enemies of the cross, what is the identity and destiny of Christians? (20a) Who are we hoping for? (20b) What does “eagerly await” imply? What will Jesus do when he comes? (21) How does this encourage us to press on toward the goal? (14)