

“Press On”
Philippians 3:12-14
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Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Last week we looked at how Paul, not anyone else, had anything to boast about except of who God was and how Jesus had brought them to God. Paul reminds the Church that salvation is Jesus + nothing! In our passage today, Paul shares with the Philippi Church to press on, keep going, leaving the past in the past and looking toward the future.

I Press On, but how?

- 1) Realize I will not attain or be perfected until I reach heaven. (vs. 12-13)
- 2) If there is breath in my lungs, I am either pressing on or giving in/up. (v. 12)
- 3) No one outgrows the Gospel. (vs. 12-13)
- 4) Forget the Past. (v. 13)
- 5) Reach towards the Future. (vs. 13-14)
- 6) Mature in the Walk. (vs. 14 and 12 – take hold)
- 7) Anticipate Heaven (vs. 14)