

## ***“On Following Christ”***

pt. 21 — Philippians 3:12-14

### **To Live is Christ**

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#### INTRODUCTION

- Paul’s shift of language
  - + knowing Christ:
  - + following Christ:  
Acts 20:24; Rom. 9:16; 1 Cor. 9:24; Gal. 5:7; 2 Tim. 4:7

- a sign of a genuine disciple of Christ

#### *1. Our obligation to follow Christ*

- definition: “lay hold of”  
Jn. 10:27-29
- order  
Rom. 9:30; 1 Jn. 4:19
- purpose  
Rom. 8:29; 2 Thess. 2:14

#### *2. Our pursuit of following Christ*

##### *a. forgetting*

- what it’s not  
Ps. 77:11; 105:5

- what it is  
Num. 11:4-6

##### *b. focusing*

“Men, like nails, lose their usefulness when they lose direction and begin to bend.”  
— Walter Savage Landor

##### *c. fighting*

- “press on”
- “goal”
- “prize”

#### CONCLUSION

**The greatest value is knowing Christ;  
the greatest goal is following Him.**

