

Pressing Toward the Goal
Philippians 3:10-16

Main Point:

As you await your glorification, press on toward the perfection purchased for you by Christ Jesus.

1. Those who are justified in Christ have been given new desires to know Christ and be like Him.

2. You will know Christ and be like Him perfectly when you are glorified.

3. As you await your glorification, press on toward the perfection purchased for you by Christ Jesus.

Quotations and Cross-References

John Gill “[Paul] knew but in part, and therefore desired to know more of Christ, of the mystery and glories of his person, of the unsearchable riches of his grace, of his great salvation, and the benefits of it, of his love, which passes perfect knowledge, and to have a renewed and enlarged experience of communion with him.”

1 Corinthians 13:12 ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. (NKJV)

1 John 1:8 ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (NKJV)

Romans 8:30 ³⁰ [Those] whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. (NKJV)

1 John 3:2-3 ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (NKJV)

Frank Thielman “[Spiritual] maturity is a matter of refusing to focus on the spiritual attainments of the past and of realizing how much effort must be expended on the course that lies ahead.”