

Pressing On After Christ Jesus

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Philippians 3:12 (NIV)

Prayer Focus: Salvation is not simply a one-time act of being saved from our sins of the past. Paul states that there is a destiny of perfection that must compel believers to press on toward the fullness of Christ and His glory. The Lord's purpose for His redeemed ones goes beyond merely escaping from eternal condemnation. Paul was *pressing on* for so much more! The word actually means to run swiftly in order to reach a goal. Paul's life was not finished when he surrendered his life to Jesus on the road to Damascus. His life was completely transformed to one that was running a new race—a race dedicated to apprehending all that Christ had in mind for him. Jesus Christ has taken hold of you by His grace with a destiny in His heart for you. But you must press on after Him in order to be all that Jesus desires you to be. Later in verses 15-16, Paul says that this unwavering determination is a sign of maturity in the Christian life. Jesus is more than our Savior; He is the sum total of everything we hope for and pursue for the rest of our living moments here on earth!

Day 1: Praise God for His destiny of perfection for you.

Day 2: Worship Jesus as being worthy of your “pressing on” toward all that He has to offer you.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to stir within you a heart of determination to press on with abandonment toward His purposes.

Day 4: Repent of those things that hinder you from wholeheartedly seeking God's destiny for your life.

Day 5: Pray that leaders in your church will have the same heart as Paul to relentlessly pursue Christ.

Day 6: Pray that believers will experience dramatic change in their lives beyond just an intellectual assent to Christ.

Day 7: Pray for a growing movement of believers in your community whose hearts are abandoned to pressing on after Jesus.

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