Silver Creek Fellowship
NOTES

January 9

PRESS ON FOR MORE

Philippians 3:10-15 *- I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. 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.

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

1. Paul had a _____

3:12 - I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

A. He understood that Jesus had taken hold of him for something specific

B. His life wasn't random – Psalm 139:13-16

C. His call was predetermined – Ephesians 2:10

2. Paul had a _____

3:10 - My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death,

A. To know Him – Not about Him but know Him

B. To know Him we must walk 2 paths

1. The power of His resurrection – The power of a resurrected life

2. The fellowship of His sufferings

C. Through the death of the cross we experience the life of resurrection

D. The sufferings of Jesus

1. Personal – The garden – *Matthew 26:38-39*

2. Redemptive or intercessory – The whipping post and the cross

3. Paul had a _____ – *Verses 13-14*

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A. Forgetting what is behind

1. Not obliterating something from our memory

2. Taking away the power of the past to dictate the future

B. Reaching forward to what is ahead

1. Other translations say – I press toward, I run straight to, I strive toward

2. I have a picture of a sprinter in the starting blocks

3. We can't press to the future and hang on to the past at the same time

C. The prize

1. Promised by God's heavenly call

2. Not only the call to heaven but also the call from heaven

3. Becoming like Jesus and living life more abundantly

4. The way of _____ – *Verse 15*

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A. Mind set of the mature

1. Focus on purpose of God

2. Become like Christ

3. Leave the past behind and press on into the future

B. Disciples submit to the Lordship of Jesus

1. Every aspect of their being – Spirit, soul and body

2. Every area of their lives – Time, finances, passions, abilities

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