



WHATEVER HAPPENS! "Press On" Philippians 3: 1-14

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Paul said he counted "everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus (his) Lord" and his "one thing" was to "press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." He was determined to "Press on," whatever happened!

I. A Defining Moment.

From rejecting Jesus to recognizing Christ to rejoicing in the Lord. v. 1

II. A Decisive Action.

A. A decision to count profit as loss...rejecting "righteousness of my own" based on:

1. Ritual.
2. Heritage.
3. Religion.
4. Zeal.
5. Perfection.

B. A decision to count loss as profit...embracing "righteousness that comes from God." v. 9

1. Trusting in Christ: "through faith in Christ." v. 9
2. "Knowing Christ Jesus as my Lord." v. 8
 - a. Initial discovery "surpassing greatness."
 - b. Continuous exploration: "That I may gain Christ."
 - c. By experience of His resurrection life.
 - d. By fellowship "in His sufferings": "lost all things."
3. Resting in Christ: "that I may be found in Him." v. 9
4. Reigning with Christ: "the resurrection from the dead." v. 21

III. A Determined Objective.

A. A realistic evaluation: "Not that I have already...been made perfect." v. 21

B. I have been "apprehended," but I have not totally apprehended.

C. I have decided on "one thing"—"I press on."

1. That means no longer dwelling on the past: victories and defeats.
2. It means focusing on the future: the prize of the heavenward call!

D. "All of us who are mature should take such a view of things." v. 15

1. What is the basis of my "righteousness?"
2. How do I view my past: is it a cause of pride or shame?
3. What is my hope for the future?
4. What is the "one thing" of my life: is it to press on?