

**“The Process of Perseverance”**

**Philippians 3:12-14**

“<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14 ESV

**“Forgetting what lies behind” v13**

**1. Things to let go of – Saul the Pharisee (Philippians 3:5-6)**

**a. Lineage v5**

**i Citizen of Israel**

**ii Tribe of Benjamin**

**b. Profession v5**

**i. Pharisee of Pharisees**

**c. Legalism v5**

**i Circumcised**

**ii Strict obedience to the Law**

**d. Pride v6**

**i Persecuted the Church**

**ii Self-Righteous**

**“Make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own” v12**

**2 Things to take hold of – Paul the Preacher (Philippians 3:8-9)**

**a.** What Christ has done v8-9. A new Identity (Made Righteous/Worth) Eph 1:3-14

**b.** What Christ is doing v9. A new Life (To Live Righteously/Walk Worthy) Eph 4:1-3

**“Straining forward to what lies ahead” v13**

**3. Things to look forward to - The Prize-Winning Paul (Philippians 3:10-16)**

**a** Progress v16

**b.** Process v10-11

**c.** Prize v14