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Today's Scripture Passage: Philippians 3:12-21 Page 832 Pew Bible

12Not 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. 13Brothers, 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, 14I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15All of us 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. 16Only let us live up to what we have already attained. 17Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. 18For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Who is your personal trainer when it comes to your spiritual fitness?
- Have you fallen into the trap of thinking that you are fully mature in Christ?
- What things that lie behind you might keep you from straining forward (v.13)?
- What spiritual progress have you attained and want to keep (v.16)?
- Who are joining with (v.17) for your spiritual fitness?
- What does it mean that you run the race of life as a citizen of heaven (v.20)?

Bible Challenge

- Like an ancient scribe, write this scripture word for word.
- On your electronic device, download "The Bible" app by Life.Church. Go to Philippians and click the audio button at the top right to listen to the book of Philippians all the way through. How does God speak to you through this?
- Reword the passage as if writing to your Christian friends.
- Read the passage in several translations. What do you notice?

• **Memorize the series' verse: Philippians 3:12 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.**

- All done? Try reading/studying the passage for next week:
Philippians 4:1-9