

New England Bible Conference

October 27th, 2012

Pressing on!

“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”

Philippians 3:14

Introduction

The Apostle Paul was a prisoner when he wrote the book of Philippians. Though he was in prison, he seemed more concerned about the wellbeing of the believers in Philippi than his own personal condition. He expressed a desire to “know Him and the power of His resurrection” Philippians 3:10. He later wrote to Timothy, “...for I know whom I have believed” 2 Tim 1:12. What brought about this transformation?

9:30 to 10:00 AM Prayer

10:00-10:15 AM Break

10:15-12:00 Reading I - The purpose of Paul's life

1. Acts 9: 5 (22:8; 26:15) **“Who art thou Lord?”**

- a. “The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that
 - i. thou should know His will,
 - ii. and see that Just One,
 - iii. and should hear the voice of His mouth.
- b. for this purpose have I appeared to thee, to; to whom *I* send thee, :
 - i. appoint thee to be a servant and a witness both of what thou hast seen,
 - ii. and of what I shall appear to thee in,
 - iii. to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive remission of sins and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me.

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch

1:30-2:45 PM Reading II – “That I may know Him”

Philippians 3: 10-14 **“That I may know Him**, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death;”
ginosko – to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel; to become known; to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of a knowledge grounded on personal experience.

Paul's desire was to experience The Lord Jesus, not merely the facts/truths concerning Him, but an experience that would parallel the Lord's

- a) To know Him
- b) The power of His resurrection
- c) Fellowship of His sufferings

2:45-3:00 PM Break

3:00-4:00 PM Reading III – “Faithful to the End”

1. 2 Tim 1: 8-14
 - a. “...for I know whom I have believed” 2 Tim 1:12. Know – eido - to see with the mind's eye, signifies a clear and purely mental perception.
2. Paul's finish (2 Tim 4: 6-8)
 - a. Fought well
 - b. Finishing well
 - c. Keeping faith
 - d. Reward ahead
3. 2 Tim 4:9-13,20
 - a. Recounting of hardships and the Lord's faithfulness

4:00-4:15 PM Break

4:15- 5:00 PM Gospel or Ministry