

Looking Ahead

Philippians 3:10-16

(New Year 2018)

Intro: The Christian life is like athletic competition

- I Corinthians 9:24-27

- I Timothy 6:10-12; II Timothy 2:2-6, 4:7-8

- Hebrews 12:1-2

I. Paul's Desire (vv. 10-11)

A. "that I may know Him..."

1. Psalm 42:1-2 , 63:1-2

2. Exodus 33:13

B. "and the power of His resurrection"

1. Ephesians 1:15-20

2. Ephesians 3:14-16

C. "and the fellowship of His sufferings" - John 16:33

II. Paul's Determination - "I press on..." (v. 12)

A. II Corinthians 7:1

B. Romans 8:29

III. Paul's Focus - "this one thing" (v. 13)

A. Forgetting the past

B. Focusing on the future

IV. Paul's Goal - "the upward call of God" (v. 14)

V. Paul's Exhortation (vv. 15-16)

A. Think this way

B. Stay consistent