

Text: Philippians 3:7-17
Topics: Salvation, Sanctification
Series: A Vision for the Future

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Joining Christ

I. No Greater Possession (7-11)

A personal relationship...

A positional relationship...

A powerful relationship...

Be joined to Christ personally...

Application:

Do I have a deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Am I helping others toward that relationship?

II. No Greater Purpose (12-17)

Pressing toward the goal...

Providing the example...

...and practically!

Application:

Am I striving to join Christ in daily Christian living?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. What are the five most important things you like, or want, in a close friend?
2. How would you define the righteousness of God?

What do the following verses tell us about the righteousness God requires of us? Romans 3:10, 21-22; 4:5; 5:17; 10:3-4, 10; and 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Describe the value of the receipt of the righteousness of Christ. How can you best show appreciation for it?

3. What do the following verses tell us about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?
John 10:4, 14, 27; John 17:3
2 Peter 1:2-3; 3:18
1 John 1:3; 5:20

How would you describe your personal relationship with Christ?

4. In Philippians 3:17-21 the apostle Paul refers to two groups of people. How does he describe each?

Do you have the same feelings toward the "other" group as Paul has? (v. 18) Explain.

5. Paul seemed to understand that the good example of believers is helpful to other believers. What are some of the areas of life that he exhorted and exemplified in 1 Timothy 4:12, 15-16 and 2 Timothy 3:10-11?

What one area of your life would you like to improve in, to be a better example? How can you find help in Christ?

6. What is the main application of this study for you?