

Hele On!

Philippians 3:12-21

Introduction

I Paul's Acknowledgement

- A. He had not **obtained** all this, referring to: - Prov 16:13
 - 1. The full **knowledge** of Christ - Phil 3:10a
 - 2. The full power of His resurrection - Phil 3:10b
 - 3. The full **fellowship** of his sufferings - Phil 3:10c
- B. He had not been made **perfect** - Phil 1:25; James 1:2-4

II Paul's Commitment

- A. To **press** on - Rom 8:28-30; Acts 20:24; 1 Cor 15:51-52
 - 1. To take hold of His God-ordained purpose
- B. To remain focused on the goal by: - Ps 27:4
 - 1. **Forgetting** what is behind - Prov 24:16; Lk 9:62
 - 2. Straining toward what is ahead - Heb 12:1-3
 - 3. **Pressing** on toward the goal to win the prize - 1 Cor 9:24
 - a. For which God had called him - 2 Tim 4:7-8

III Paul's Invitation

- A. Take such a view of things
 - 1. Those who are **mature** will share this view - Col 1:28-29
 - 2. Those who think differently on some point:
 - a. God will make it **clear** - Ps 25:8-9
- B. Live up to what you already attained - Col 2:6-7
- C. Join in following Paul's **example**: - 1 Cor 4:16; 11:1
 - 1. Take note of those who live according to this **pattern**

IV Paul's Reminder

- A. Many live as enemies of the cross
 - 1. Their destiny is **destruction** - Phil 1:27-29
 - 2. Their god is their stomach - Ex 20:3
 - 3. Their glory is their **shame** - 1 Cor 5:1-2; Rom 1:28-32
 - 4. Their mind is on **earthly** things - Ps 17:14; Col 3:1-4
- B. In contrast, believers live as friends of the cross
 - 1. Our **citizenship** is in heaven - Heb 11:13-16

- a. We early await a Savior from there - Acts 1:9-11
- 2. Our Savior will bring **everything** under His control
- 3. Our physical bodies will dramatically change
 - a. He will **transform** our lowly bodies - Rom 8:23
 - b. He will make them like His body - Rom 8:29; 1Jn 3:2

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Do you have clearly defined goals for your life? What are they?
2. Is it hard for you to admit when you're wrong/imperfect? Why?
3. When you think of "swinging on the vines of life", what's harder -- letting go of the past or reaching to the future? What are some of the things of the past that you need to let go of today? What future challenges do you need to commit to God?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate yourself in terms of living up to what God has shown you thus far in your Christian life? What would it take to get that number higher?
5. Who do you look to as a role model for Christian living? In 1 Cor 11:1, Paul said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." Have you ever said this to anyone? If so, to whom? If not, why not? Would you be willing to do so now?
6. What tangible evidence is there that you are a true citizen of God's kingdom? In light of this study and the imminent return of Christ, what steps would the Holy Spirit lead you to take?
7. Take a few moments to ask the Holy Spirit to give you a heart to "Hele On!" in your walk with the Lord today!

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