



Opening prayer

Blessed Lord, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read, respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and comfort of the Word will help us grasp and hold the blessed hope of everlasting life, given us through our Savior Jesus Christ.



Read Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Watch the video

Follow this [link](#) or search for 'Grappling with Philippians 3' from the youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wolfmueller1>

Review and Discussion Questions

1. Describe how the first verse supports that we, as Christians, have the righteousness of Christ by faith, but not yet by sight.

2. What gifts from Jesus does the church take hold of, as Christ takes hold of us?

3. What is the 'finish line' that Paul is straining toward?

4. What are some of the things that Paul is forgetting during this 'straining'?

5. How does Paul's forgetting inform the things we should also be forgetting as Christians?

6. How do these verses describe how Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith?

7. Do these verses contain law, gospel, or both?
