

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel

- **Ch 2 – have same mindset as Jesus**
 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit; in humility value others above yourself; look not to your own interests but to interests of others
- **Ch 3 - have same mindset as Paul**
 - **Put no confidence in the flesh**
 - **Righteousness** – conformity to a standard (meeting God's expectations)
 - **Righteous** – right standing before God (right relationship with God)
 - We are righteous (in right relationship with the Lord) because of our righteousness (meeting God's expectations of us)
 - **Two grounds for righteousness**
 - **Our flesh/work** – our achievements, accomplishments, pedigree
 - **Jesus** – we trust in Him and His conformity to God's standards is applied to us

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Description of Paul's mindset – highest value/greatest desire

I want to know Christ – personal and experiential

- **Knowing the power of His resurrection** – power that raised Jesus from the dead is also at work in our lives (Eph 1.19-20)
- **Participating in His sufferings** – *koinonia*; our suffering for Jesus is a partnership w/Him in His sufferings for us/others
- **Becoming like Him in death** – being conformed into His image; see 2.6-11 – taking posture of slave, using what He has been given for sake of others, walking in humility
- **Attaining the resurrection of the dead** – future state

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Description of Paul's mindset – already running the race, but not yet crossed finish line

Not that I have already obtained all this or reached the goal but I press on...

- **Already but not yet dynamic of the Christian life** – we can experience rule/reign of God right now and we will continue to struggle with the results of the fall, activity of the devil, and consequences of sin until Jesus returns

Athletic metaphor – runner running a race

- **forgetting what is behind** – all the things from v4-7 that Paul could formerly see as basis for right standing w/God
- **straining** – to exert oneself to the uttermost
- **press on** – to move rapidly and decisively towards an object

To take hold of that for which Christ took hold of me – relationship w/Him; this is the 'prize for which God has called us heavenward'

- **Core desire of God** – to form a people for Himself



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Command to Adopt Paul's Mindset

Take such a view – have same mindset as Paul

- Trusting in righteousness of Jesus
- Desiring to know Jesus
- Realizing we haven't arrived yet

Live up to what we have already attained – be faithful with what we have been given

- Live in light of the truth we have received in Gospel
- Live in light of the power we have received through the Spirit

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Follow godly examples because there are some who live as enemies of cross of Christ:

- **Message of the cross** – that we needed saving; that our righteousness isn't sufficient basis to be declared righteous
- **Destiny is destruction** – hell
- **Their god is their stomach** – driven by appetites of the flesh
- **Their glory is their shame** – what they perceive as honoring themselves actually condemns them
- **Their mind is set on earthly things** – can't follow Jesus with 'earthly mindset'

Our citizenship is in heaven –

- Jesus is our King and He resides in heaven therefore our citizenship is in heaven as well
- He will come back from heaven and finish the work He started



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Cultivate mindset of Paul –

- **Is our highest value/greatest desire to know Jesus?**
 - Fundamental – is salvation more a means to avoid hell or more a means to be reconciled to God?
- **Are we living up to what we have already attained?**
 - NT truth – use it or lose it (parable of talents)
 - Are we walking in the truth we have received?
 - Are we walking in the power we have received?
- **Are we living as citizens of heaven?**
 - Not easy to live in this world while maintaining a heavenly mindset

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