Pressing Onward

A Study in Philippians

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**[Pressing Onward: Toward the True Finish Line]**

Philippians 1: 15-30

*Introduction*

As Christians we press onward by having the long view mind and understanding that we, as Christians, do not have a lasting city here on earth but rather, we are seeking a city that is to come.

A church that is pressing onward has the true finish line in mind and the future in view. This affects us in at least three ways:

 Gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v 15-18a

 Gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v 18b-26

 Gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_v 27-30

*Verses 15-18a: Gospel Maturity*

Because of Paul’s perspective of his future he is enabled to have gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In this, Paul is modeling for us a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ example.

Gospel people understand that Christ being proclaimed is the most supreme and valuable thing.

When you understand the true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of something it changes the perspective.

*Verses 19-26: Gospel View*

A Gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allows Paul to be confident that God is in control of his life and that he is ruling and reigning in both love and sovereignty - no matter what has happened to him or what will happen to him (prison, death, or his release).

Death does not have the final word, suffering is not the end, and the curse of sin is not the final decree. For the Christian *it is not truly death to die.*

When we understand this, we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to press onward toward Christ.

A gospel view allows us to seek the true finish line.

*Verses 27-30: Gospel Conduct*

Living with the true finish line in mind means living our lives with gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

As Christians we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a city that is to come (Heaven).

Every part of our lives should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that hope and that reality.

When we press onward toward Christ with a gospel maturity, a gospel view, and lives marked with gospel conduct we give a clear sign to the world that our salvation and hope is from God.

*Application*

Are you living your life in the light of the true finish line?

Do you model gospel maturity, a gospel view, and gospel conduct in the way you live your life?

*Blanks*: *maturity; view; conduct; maturity; Christlike; value; view; strengthened; conduct; citizens; reflect.*