

Sermon Notes

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Spiritual Intensity

Philippians 3:8-14

I. A CHRISTIAN IS SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED THE INTENSITY OF BEING PURSUED.

(Philippians 3:12) Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

II. A CHRISTIAN IS SOMEONE WHO NOW PURSUES WITH AN INTENSELY SINGULAR-FOCUS.

(Philippians 3:8,13,14) More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ...Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.