

Philippians

A More Excellent Way

The More Excellent Way (Philippians 3:7–11).

Although Paul had a boast according to the flesh no other could compare to, he counted these things as loss for Christ (Philippians 3:7).

All things are loss compared to the more excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:8).

Paul lost his position in Judaism for following Christ.

Paul was being trained to be the teacher of Israel (Acts 22:3; cf. Acts 5:34).

Paul persecuted the way (Acts 22:4).

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Paul's desire is to seek God's Righteousness in Christ, not his own through works (Philippians 3:9).

Knowing the inherent ability of Christ's resurrection (Philippians 3:10).

We have been raised with Christ to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).

We are born again unto a living hope through the resurrection of Christ (1 Peter 1:3).

Knowing the Fellowship of His Suffering—passion (Philippians 3:10).

Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh and its passions (Galatians 5:24).

Resisting Satan (1 Peter 5:9).

Ceasing from sin (1 Peter 4:1).

Suffering for doing good (1 Peter 2:19).

Following in Christ's footsteps (1 Peter 2:21).

Conforming to Christ's death (Philippians 3:10).

Dead to sin (Romans 6:6).

Dead to the world (Galatians 6:14).

Rejecting the carnal mind (Romans 8:6)

Attaining to the Resurrection out from the dead (Philippians 3:11).

The one who has the Son has eternal life (1 John 5:11–12).

Taking hold of eternal life (1 Timothy 6:12).

Working out our salvation (Philippians 2:12).

Our Spiritual Maturity (Philippians 3:12–16)

Attaining to the resurrection from the dead relate to maturity.

Paul continues to pursue after maturity in Christ (Philippians 3:12).

Paul does not perceive himself as being in a position of having obtained full maturity.

This is what Christ has laid hold of us for.

Setting the things of the past aside and reaching forward (Philippians 3:13).

Forgetting the things that were before you belonged to Christ.

Focusing on the things before us.

Purifying ourselves in preparation for seeing Christ (1 John 3:3).

Putting away the things of the inarticulate babblers (1 Corinthians 13:11).

Pursue on the basis of the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).

As a noun, “mark” only occurs once in Scripture.

It is derived from a word meaning one who watches.

It denotes the point looked at; hence, the goal or mark.

As a verb it expresses paying close attention.

Noting (scoping out) those who cause divisions (Romans 16:17).

Noting (scoping out) those who walk properly (Philippians 3:17).

Looking out (scoping out) the things of others over your own (Philippians 2:4).

Not looking at (scoping out) the things seen (2 Corinthians 4:18).

When knitting together a fellow saint, scoping yourself out lest you are also tempted (Galatians 6:1).

Paul is not pursuing a prize; he pursues maturity based on the prize he possesses.

Those who are mature will have this same frame of mind (Philippians 3:15).

Understanding there is more to learn, more to practice, more to work out.

If our mind is framed in a different way than this, God will reveal it to us.

We are to walk according to our level of maturity (Philippians 3:16).

We are to take each step by this rule.

We are all to have the same frame of mind—pursuing maturity in Christ.

