

The Effect of the Supreme Worth of the Lord Jesus Christ **Philippians 3:12-4:3**

Thesis: Jesus is the only worthy and glorious Lord and Savior. Therefore...

1. Jesus is the only One we should pursue with all of our heart and all of our soul and all of our mind and all of our strength (vv. 12-17)

2. Jesus is the only One who will bring us safely home to our home in heaven with Him (vv. 3:17-4:1)

3. Jesus is the only One who can unite us here and now and forever in heaven (vv. 4:1-3)

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BIBLE STUDY

1. What has Paul not obtained or not been made perfect?
2. Why is Paul motivated to take hold of Christ?
3. Paul uses a lot of action words in 3:12-14. Describe the picture that Paul is painting for the readers. In what way does this help the readers to value Christ more?
4. What descriptions or words indicate that Paul thinks his experience is not unique?
5. How would Paul describe a mature Christian?
6. In 15-17, Paul exhorts the readers to imitate his life and others who live the same way. What can we learn about some of the ways that we grow in the Christian life?
7. In 18-19, Paul describes those who do not live the way Paul does. Why would he do this? How does Paul feel about this?
8. What contrast does Paul give for those whose aim is to know Christ?
9. Why are Christians eager to go home?
10. How does 4:1 relate to the rest of the passage and to the book of Philippians as a whole?
11. Why is Paul so concerned about the disagreement that Euodia and Syntyche have?
12. Why does Paul request the help of someone else? What kind of help would this person give?
13. Have you ever been helped by a 3rd person to reconcile with someone? How did they help?