

LEAVING THE OLD BEHIND AND MOVING FORWARD IN THE NEW!

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Philippians 3:13-4:1-ON SCREEN

Vs 13...Forgetting those things which are behind.

Passion - ...however, I do have one compelling focus: *I forget all of the past...*

We need to take our focus off the bad things that happened.

We must learn to forget...disregard, or not to pay attention to things that keep us from freedom in Christ and moving forward.

...reaching forth unto those things which are before, ...

Passion - ...*as I fasten my heart to the future instead.*

Vs 14 ... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus...

...I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal...

Vs 15 ...Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Passion - ... So let all who are fully mature have this same passion, and if anyone is not yet gripped by these desires, God will reveal it to them.

Vs 16 ...Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Passion - ...And let us all advance together to reach this victory-prize, following one path with one passion.

Vs 17 ... Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

Passion - ... My beloved friends, imitate my walk with God and follow all those who walk according to the way of life we modeled before you.

We all need to walk by the same rule- walking close to God.

Colossians 2:6-Passion

In the same way you received Jesus our Lord and Messiah by faith, continue your journey of faith, progressing further into your union with him!

1 Corinthians 10:31-Passion

Whether you eat or drink, live your life in a way that glorifies and honors God.

Vs 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Passion - For there are many who live by different standards. As I've warned you many times (I weep as I write these words), they are enemies of the cross of the Anointed One...

Vs 19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Passion – and doom awaits them. Their god has possessed them and made them mute. Their boast is in their shameful lifestyles and their minds are in the dirt.

Vs. 20-21 ...For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto Himself...

Passion - ...But we are a colony of heaven on earth as we cling tightly to our life-giver, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our humble bodies and transfigure us into the identical likeness of his glorified body. And using his matchless power, he continually subdues everything to himself.

Phil. 4:1 - ... Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Passion - ...*Now arise in the fullness of your union with our Lord.*

1Corinthians 15:58-Passion

So now, beloved ones, stand firm and secure. Live your lives with an unshakable confidence. We know that we prosper and excel in every season by serving the Lord, because we are assured that our union with the Lord makes our labor productive with fruit that endures.

We need to keep our focus.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; ...