

PL 1 8:9-14

- LIVING A FULL CHRISTIAN LIFE START
(LEAVING RELIGION -- ON TO RELATIONSHIP)

ALL THE "BLESSINGS OF SALVATION"
BECOME OURS -- PERSONALLY -- THROUGH FAITH --

"PAUL SAYS"
"THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST -- AND -- BE"
"FOOD IN HIM" (9)

"FAITH" MAKES JESUS DEATH -- "PERSONAL" --
(PAUL SAYS)

I WANT -- "THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS
THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST" (9)

"SO" (4 ASPECT OF SAVED LIFE)

I] THE LIFE OF SALVATION - (9)

"THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD
-- BY FAITH"

"THIS SPEAKS OF THE HUMAN SIDE OF
SALVATION" -- "NOT LAW" -- "FAITH" --

"FAITH" IS BELIEVING IN SOMEONE OR
SOMETHING -- AND ACTING UPON IT --

- A LIFE OF SALVATION IS "LIVING THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD" "BY ACTING
ON MY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS" --

~ WHAT PAUL BELIEVED ~

(A) HE HAD NOT RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIS OWN -
(Rom 3:10)

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE"

(Rom 3:23)

"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT
OF THE GLORY OF GOD"

(B) HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST MEET GOD'S
STANDARD -

(Rom 3:24-25)

HERE GOD'S STANDARD IS MET --

"BEING JUSTIFIED -- FREELY BY HIS GRACE

"THROUGH" THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN CHRIST

JESUS"; WHO GOD HATH SET FORTH TO BE A

PROPITIATION THROUGH FAITH IN HIS BLOOD

TO DECLARE "HIS" GOD'S "RIGHTEOUSNESS" --

(C) GOD'S TWO PART TRANSACTION - (BY FAITH) (9)

(1) WE ARE SINNERS + SIN MUST BE PUNISHED -

-- GOD SAYS THAT CHRIST DIED TO BEAR THAT
PUNISHMENT -

(2) ON THE BASIS OF CHRIST'S DEATH... GOD NOW

COMES TO US AND OFFERS US "HIS" GOD'S --

RIGHTEOUSNESS "ENTIRELY" AS A FREE

GIFT -

FAITH IS AN ASPECT OF LIFE — A
"CONTINUING ASPECT OF LIFE" — FAITH
IS BELIEF — A BELIEF THAT GROWS
STRONGER AS IT COMES TO KNOW THE
ONE IT TRUSTS IN —
SO NEXT:

II THE LIFE OF SANTIFICATION (10-11)
— THAT I MAY "KNOW HIM" —

(THE GOAL OF TRUE FAITH)

"KNOW HIM" PERSONALLY & EXPERIENTIALLY

[WE HAVE LOST THE DIMENSIONS OF
THE WORD "KNOWLEDGE" — BY CONFINING
IT TO THE "CONTENTS OF THE BRAIN"]

(THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE BIBLICAL DEFINITION)
THE BIBLICAL MEANING:

① WOULD ADD A PRACTICAL DIMENSION —

[NOTHING IS TRULY KNOWN UNLESS
IT IS BEING PRACTICED IN DAILY LIFE]

"BECOMING THE PERSON'S NATURE"

"ALLOWED" TO CONTROL THE CONDUCT
OF THE PERSON CONCERNED

⑧ WOULD ADD A PERSONAL INTIMACY -
(CONSISTENT CONTACT)

THUS
THE "HOLY SPIRIT" THROUGH WHOM
WE HAVE -- "DEEP", "INTIMATE" "UNION"

SO

PAUL WANTED TO
~~ENTER~~ ENTER INTO THE -- DEEPEST --
POSSIBLE -- UNION -- WITH CHRIST --

⑨ WOULD ADD A POSSIBLE RESURRECTION
POWER - ⑩ ⑪

CLEARLY -- PAUL IS NOT DEALING WITH THE
RESURRECTION OF THE BODY AT THE COMING
OF THE LORD -- BUT A "HIGHER STATE"
OF -- THOUGHT & EXPERIENCE -- WHICH
CENTERS AROUND "THE LORD'S RESURRECTION"

① WITH CHRIST RESURRECTION -- CAME POWER
"PAUL DECIDED TO KNOW" --

PAUL ADDS THE PREPOSITION "FROM" OR "OUT"
"FROM" OR "AWAY" -- "OUT-RESURRECTION"
OUT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION CAME --
"POWER" -- TO EXPERIENCE:

② VICTORY + SUCCESSFUL SERVICE --

③ OVER DAILY SINS --

④ STRIVING TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE --

⑤ ABILITY TO COUNT ALL THINGS LOST --
"FOR CHRIST" --

III] A LIFE OF SUFFERING - (10)

"FELLOWSHIP" OF HIS SUFFERING

PETER SAYS: (1 PETER 4:1)

"FOR AS MUCH AS CHRIST HAS SUFFERED
FOR US IN THE FLESH ARM YOURSELVES
WITH "THE SAME MIND" ---

THIS IS PAUL'S DEFINITION HERE!

(A) TOTAL OBEDIENCE - (CHRIST SUFFERING
WAS IN OBEDIENCE TO THE FATHER) -

- "HE LAID ASIDE HIS OUTWARD MANTLE
OF GLORY" -

- "TOOK UP MAN'S FORM & NATURE" -

- "DIED AS A MAN IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS
FATHER'S WILL" -

(B) SHARING CHRIST'S BURDEN -

"FOR THE LOST WORLD"

"FOR THE WAYWARD SHEEP"

"FOR THE WEARY & SUFFERING"

IV] A LIFE OF SEARCHING - (12-14) "TO SUCCEED"

A] I HAVE NOT REACHED PERFECTION - (12)

- HE DOES NOT MEAN "SINLESS" OR "FLAWLESS"

(BUT) "SPIRITUALLY MATURE"

- HE HAS NOT COME TO "COMPLETE GROWTH" - OR
ADVANCED COMPLETELY - THERE IS STILL ROOM
FOR ADVANCEMENT -

CHRIST LAID HOLD - APPREHENDED - PAUL
FOR "A DEFINITE PURPOSE" - SO - PAUL

CAN NOT REST UNTIL HE "FULLY GRASPS"

APPREHENDS - THE PURPOSE GOD HAS
SAVED HIM FOR - NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

(I COUNT NOT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED)

B] I HAVE RESOLVED A PLAN - (13-14)

① TO DEAL WITH THE PAST - (13)

"FORGETTING" - "HOW" "BY"

"OUR CONFESSION" + "GOD'S FORGIVENESS"

"HOLD NO GRUGES" + MEND ANY

"BROKEN FELLOWSHIP" - THEN -

"MOVE ON"

② LIVE IN THE PRESENT - (13)
(REACHING FORTH)

YOU HAVE OBLITERATE THE PAST

YOU HAVE ACTIVATE THE FUTURE

(LET US GO ON)

REACHING OUT

— TO THE LEADERSHIP OF HOLY SPIRIT —

— TO THE COMMITMENT TO PRAY —

— TO BE FOUND FAITHFUL —

③ LIVE FOR THE PURPOSE - (14)

[THE PRIZE] [THE HIGH CALLING]

[NOT HEAVEN - IT IS ALREADY OURS]

[IT IS A GIFT - A-MEN -]

[IT IS A PRIZE]

① OF A WELL-FOUGHT FIGHT

— STAY CONTINUALLY IN THE FAITH —

② OF A WELL-RUN RACE

DO NOT GROW WEARY.. KEEP GOING

③ OF A WELL-KEPT TRUST

— AN UNSHAKEABLE COMMITMENT

THE PRIZE OF (KEEPING THE FAITH)

STOP

Phil 3: 15-21

"A WALK WORTH WATCHING"

START

WORKING OUT

WHAT IS WITHIN YOU

- IF YOU ARE PERFECT (15) BE THUS MINDED -

① TO ACHIEVE GOD'S PURPOSE FOR LIFE -

② TO ACTIVATE GOD'S POWER TO SUCCEED -

"THOUGH"

"WE STRIVE FOR THE PRIZE" AS WE ARE
BEING MADE PERFECT"

(VS 15) "PERFECT" = "MORAL RIPENESS"

"CHRISTIAN MATURITY" "BEING FULL"

GROWN"

(VS 12) "PERFECT" - BUT NOT PERFECTED -

① I AM PERFECT BEFORE THE LORD ----

I HAVE APPLIED + APPROPRIATED THE

"MEANS OF GRACE"

"MY STATE" "COMPLETE" IN CHRIST"

② I AM BEING PERFECTED IN LIFE -

"MY STATE" = OF BEING BROUGHT TO MATURITY"

"APPLE" = IN SPRING; GREEN BUT WHOLE"
(ALL INGREDIENTS) -

IN FALL "FULL GROWN" RIPE

AS TO WHETHER IT IS SOUR, SCRAWNY —
OR JUICY & SOUND — "DEPENDS" (ON)

"THE ENVIRONMENT" WHICH IT NATURALLY
MATURES IN —

"NOTICE" — IT IS:

① THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CHURCH — (16-17)

— "LET US" WALK —

② THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CROSS — (18-19)

— "FOR MANY" WALK —

③ THE ENVIRONMENT OF OUR CONVERSATION — (20-21)

"A WALK OF HOPE"

I] THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CHURCH — (16-17) (LET US)

IN THE CHURCH — WE HAVE:

"SPECTATORS" "SEPARATORS" —

"STRIVERS" —

"PAUL IS NOT" "MAGNIFYING" HIS DEDICATION
— "BUT" —

"MOTIVATING" — THE CHURCH — TO GET IN

"THE RACE" — (ON TO THE PRIZE)

YOUR "PURPOSE" — "YOUR PATH" — TO ATTAIN

(SOME WERE DOING WELL) "AS MANY AS" (BUT)
"ALL" HAD THE SAME "RULE" OR CHALLENGE:
"WALK" TO REACH THE GOAL -

(A) BE TRUE TO THE TRUTH - (SAME RULE)

- OBEY THE "LIGHT OF GOD" -
LIGHT LEADS "IN THE MOVEMENT" -
- OF LIFE -

LAW - "RULES" "IN THE MOMENT" -
"DEATH" -

- LIFE OR DEATH - "TO THE PRIZE" -

THE LAW - RULE - (NO LONGER BOUND TO IT)
THE LAW "MORALLY" (OUR GUIDE FROM GOD)

① LOVE - "NOT HATE" -

② FORGIVE - "NOT JUDGE" -

③ GRACE & PEACE - NOT WAR - DIVISION =
[LIVE THE "DEMANDS" OF CHRIST]

(HEB 12:1-2) "LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY
WEIGHT AND THE SIN WHICH DOES SO EASILY
BESET US AND RUN THE RACE THAT IS BEFORE
US - "LOOKING UNTO JESUS" [THE AUTHOR
AND FINISHER - OF "OUR" FAITH] -

BEING TRUE TO THE TRUTH =

(A LIFE OF ~~DEATH~~ "PROGRESS" -)

"HOLINESS" - (AS WE WALK)

⑧ BE OBSERVANT OF THOSE YOU TRUST.

(MARK THEM) ⑪ "EXAMPLES"

JOHN NEWTON WROTE "AMAZING GRACE"
IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID:

"I ~~WILL~~ HAVE EVER TO CONFESS, WITH SORROW,
THAT I AM FAR FROM BEING WHAT I OUGHT TO BE,
AND FAR FROM WHAT I WISH TO BE. BUT,
ALSO BLESSED BE GOD'S NAME! I TESTIFY
THAT I AM FAR "FROM WHAT I ~~WAS~~ ONCE WAS"

THIS IS AN OBSERVATION (UPON "SELF-EXAMINATION"
"OF HUMAN WEAKNESS" - AND AT THE SAME TIME
THE MATCHLESS "GRACE OF GOD"

BE OBSERVANT OF THOSE WHO EXEMPLIFY
THESE "TRUTHS"

- WHAT EXAMPLE ARE WE SETTING? -

CAN WE SAY - AS PAUL DID -

① BE YE FOLLOWERS "TOGETHER WITH ME" - ⑪
[THE SAME GOALS IN MIND]

② BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME - (1 COR 4:16) -
[COME ALONG WITH ME - AS I FOLLOW - CHRIST]

③ BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME "EVEN AS I AM
OF CHRIST" - (1 COR 11:1)

- [WALK TOGETHER - AS I TAKE THE LEAD] -

PAUL IS SAYING:

BE YE IMITATORS OF ME -- ONLY -- IN SO FAR
AS I FOLLOW -- (IMITATE) -- CHRIST JESUS

"MARK" = "TAPOR", "IMPRESSION", "BRAND" --

"THESE THAT BEAR THE MARKS" -- "THE BRAND"
OF CHRIST

PAUL DID: (GAL 6:17)
ON MY BODY -- ARE THE SCARS -- THAT PROVE -- MY WALK

II] THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CROSS -- (18-19)

[GOD DEMANDS -- A MORAL TRANSFORMATION]

(A) IS ONE OF COMPASSION -- (18)

"I TELL YOU WEeping" -- [FOR THE ENEMIES
OF THE CROSS]
THEY "BRAG" -- AND DESIRE -- WORLTY THINGS

THE CROSS = COMPASSION, GRACE, LOVE,
ALL "REDEMPTION" + "FELLOWSHIP"

(B) IS ONE OF CONFLICT --

"ENEMIES" -- THEY ARE MENTIONED IN
(3:2) "DOGS" AND "EVIL WORKERS" -- THESE
WERE NOT "DRUNKARDS" + "HARLOTS" BUT --
"PROFESSING CHRISTIANS"

① WHOSE END IS DESTRUCTION -- ② DESTRUCTION --
"PREDITION" = "LOSE OF WELL-BEING" -- "MISERY" -- "UNREST"

(JES 23) -- THEY ARE -- WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES --

③ WHOSE GOD IS THEIR BELLIES -- ④ "FLESH" --
"GRATIFICATION" -- "OWN" DESIRES, PLEASURES,

"APPETITES" --

CALL EVIL GOOD + CALL GOOD EVIL -- (LIGHT -- DARK) --
(DARK -- LIGHT)

③ WHOSE GLORY IS IN THEIR "SHAME" -

[MORE CONCERNED WITH THE PHYSICAL
THAN THE SPIRITUAL + MORAL]

[THEY THINK] THEIR "KNOWLEDGE" THAN "UNDERSTANDING"
WILL WITHSTAND GOD'S JUDGEMENT + JUSTICE -

④ WHO MIND EARTHLY THINGS -

JUDGE THEMSELVES BY EARTHLY THINGS = (Col 3:2)

[GOD JUDGES BY MERCY + GRACE] BUT [DEMANDS JUSTICE]

II] THE ENVIRONMENT OF THEIR CONVERSATION - (20-21)
"HE IS ABLE"

IT IS GOD'S NATURE TO REVEAL HIMSELF - [TO US]

NOTICE:

① GOD REVEALS HIS POWER - IN NATURE -

② REVEALS HIS PERSONALITY - IN HIS SONS -

③ REVEALS HIS PURPOSES - IN SCRIPTURE -
"SO"

- KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD - IS BEING WILLING
TO DO IT -

"OUR CONVERSATION" IS WITH

GOD - IN HEAVEN - OUR HOME

(WE SHALL BE CHANGED)

OF "THE FUTURE"

A-MEN !!!

AT HIS DEATH - MOODY SAID - IS THIS DEATH !!!

- THERE IS NO VALLEY - THIS IS BLISS - THIS IS
GLORIOUS - I AM WITHIN THE GATES - I SEE
THE CHILDREN'S FACES -

"HE IS ABLE" (21)

- TO SUBDUCE ALL THINGS - UNTO HIMSELF -

STOP