

A Testimony of Living for Christ
Philippians 3:4-14
(The Apostle Paul's Testimony)

Background of the Apostle Paul:

Paul is under house arrest in Rome awaiting his trial before the Emperor of Rome. This is roughly 10 years after he started the church in Philippi and at least 25 years after he was saved. He shares his testimony from before salvation to his present goal in life to know Christ to contrast true Christianity to the false teachers who have come to Philippi.

Paul's life before Christ: Verses 4-6

A true Jew by birth – pedigree
As to the Law, a Pharisee
As to zeal, a persecutor of the church
As to righteousness of the Law, found blameless

Paul's conversion: his understanding the message of the gospel – Verses 7-9

What was gain in the past is now loss for the sake of Christ
Knowing Christ is better than all his past goals – now just rubbish
Now standing in the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ

His main goal in life: Verse 10 – “that I may know Him [Christ]” – Verses 10-11

And the power of His resurrection
And the fellowship of His sufferings,
Being conformed to His death;
In order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing on to Maturity: Verses 12-14

Not yet perfect – mature – complete
Press forward to the goal of maturity in Christ – knowing Him better