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Scripture Text – Philippians 3:12-17

- ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
- ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.
- ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.
- ¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.





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PURSUE Christ

Leave the *PAST* Behind

PUSH One Another On



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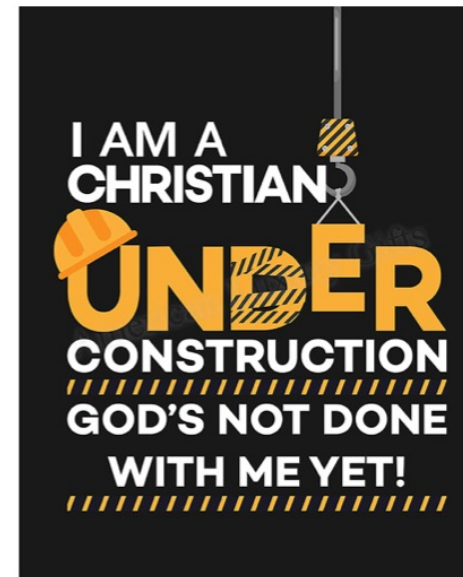
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“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own(v12)...I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus(v14).”



Spiritually Dissatisfied with Status Quo

“Not That”



Strain Forward – Run your Spiritual Race



“Mortify the deeds
of the body”
(Rom 6:14)

“Work out your
salvation”
(Phil 2:13)

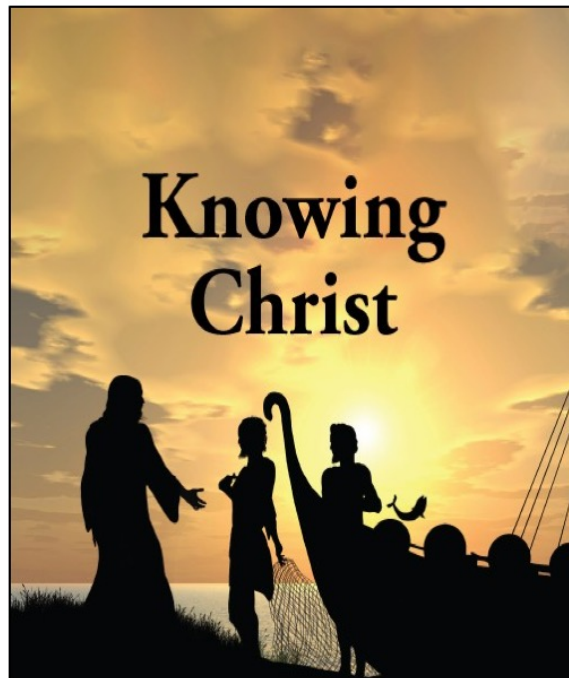
“Keep yourselves
from idols”
(1 John 5:21)

“Enter God’s
kingdom through
much tribulations”
(Acts 14:22)

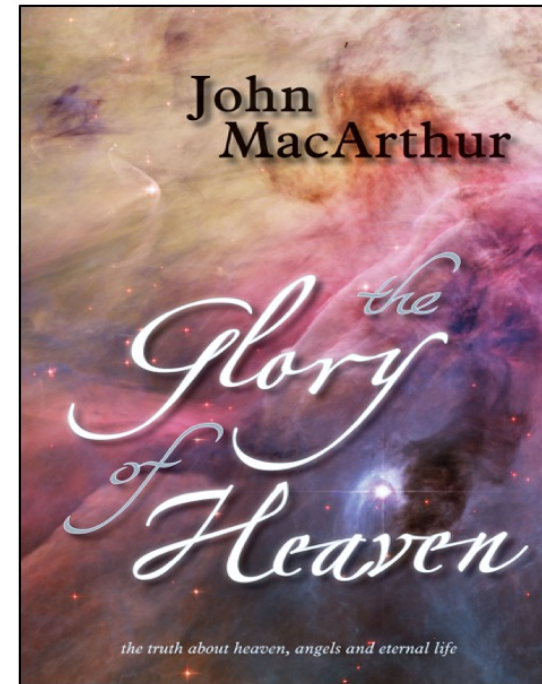


Secure the Prize

What was Paul “making his own”?



*Knowing Christ,
Gaining Christ-likeness (v8-10)*



*Longing for an Eternal Home
(v20,21)*





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(II) Leave the *PAST* Behind

“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind...(v13).”

Past Achievements

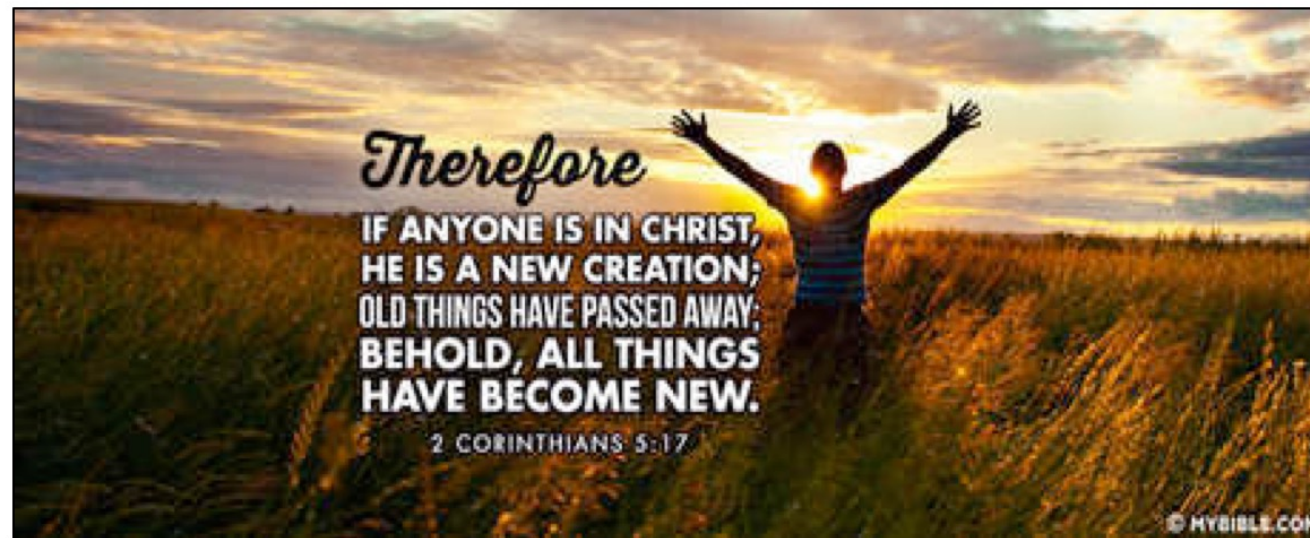


“Count them but dung”
(Phil 3:7)



Past Sinful Habits

We can be new creatures



Past Hurt & Guilt



JOHN NEWTON CLERK
ONCE AN INFIDEL AND LIBERTINE
A SERVANT OF SLAVES IN AFRICA WAS
BY THE RICH MERCY OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST
PRESERVED, RESTORED, PARDONED
AND APPOINTED TO PREACH THE FAITH HE
HAD LONG LABOURED TO DESTROY
NEAR 16 YEARS AS CURATE OF THIS PARISH
AND 28 YEARS AS RECTOR OF ST MARY WOOLNOUTH





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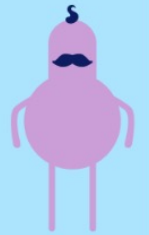


(III) *PUSH* One Another On

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2.4km Run ↔ Christian Community??

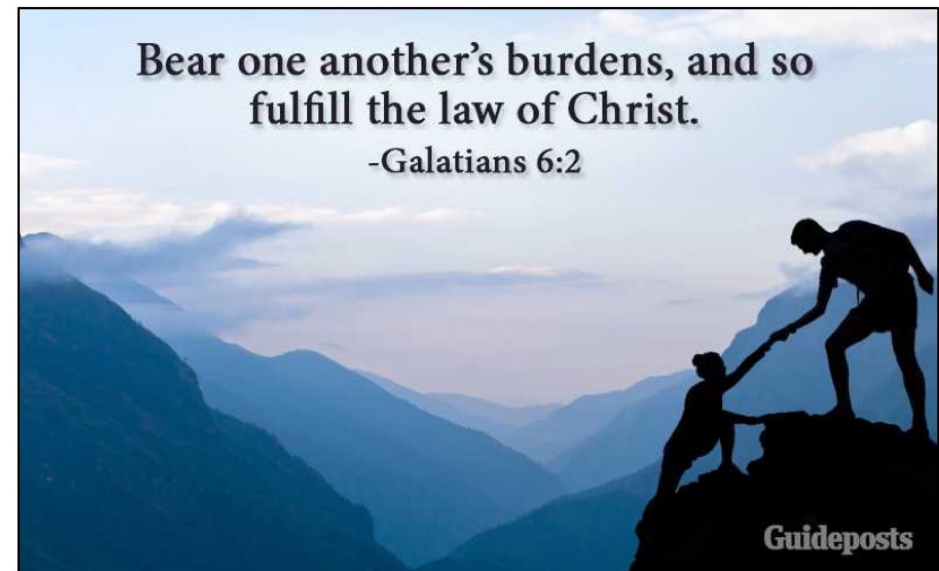


What is Christian Community?

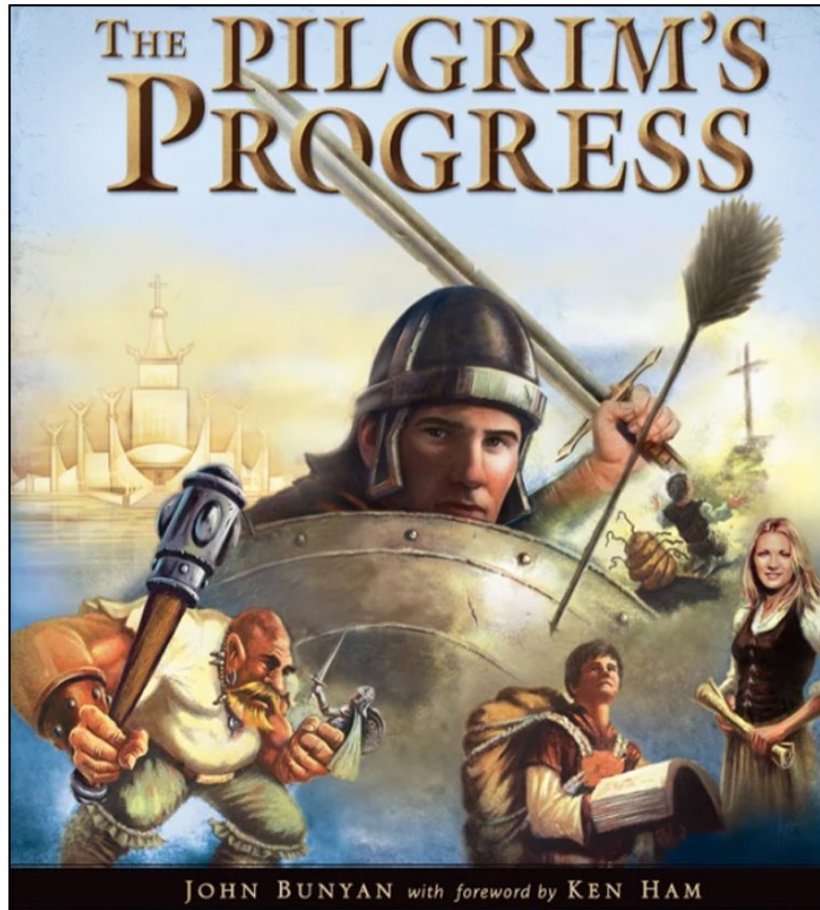
“Fellowship of the Broken”

***Sincere progression, not
sinless perfection***

Alcoholic Anonymous
“I am an alcoholic”



Pilgrim's Progress – Strength in Christian Community



*Faithful's presence and actions
in the Dark Valley encourage
Christian to press on*



Call to Action: What will *you* do in 2022?

- **Pursue Christ** – pilgrim mindset, devotional life
- Leave the **Past Behind** – sanctification, break out & step forward
- **Push One Another On** – reach out to others, be part of care groups & ministry groups

