

Philippians



Mature Christian - Partner, Preaching,
Passion, Purpose, Press, perfection as He is

5. The Priceless Value of Knowing Christ (faith)

3:1-6 Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, **rejoice in the Lord**. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your **faith**.

² Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. ³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised.

We ***rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us***. We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could.

Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

5. The Priceless Value of Knowing Christ (faith)

3:7-11 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the *infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that **I could gain Christ and become one with him**. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law;

rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on **faith**. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the **resurrection** from the dead!

5. Pressing toward the Goal (hope)

3:12-16 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection.

But I **press on to possess that perfection** for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

¹⁵Let all who are **spiritually mature** agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. ¹⁶But we must **hold on** to the progress we have already made.

5. Pressing toward the Goal (love)

3:17-21 Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. ¹⁸For I have told you often before, and I say it again with **tears in my eyes**, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.

²⁰But we are ***citizens of heaven***, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for **him to return as our Savior**. ²¹He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.
(resurrection)

5. Pressing toward the Goal (love)

4:1 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stay true to the Lord**. I **love** you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my *joy and the crown* I receive for my work.

To bear in heart: Philippians - keys to joy

1: Partnership (fellowship in Christ, vine, *love*): *nearer my God to thee*

2: Principle (perspective, cause, root, *faith*): *yet not I but through Christ in me*

3: Passion (vision, to be, as Jesus, *hope*): *be thou my vision*

4: Son of light (faith/hope/love): *shine Jesus shine*

5: Paul (faith, hope {*press forward*} and love): *All for Jesus*

American Dream vs Heavenly being —> Vision

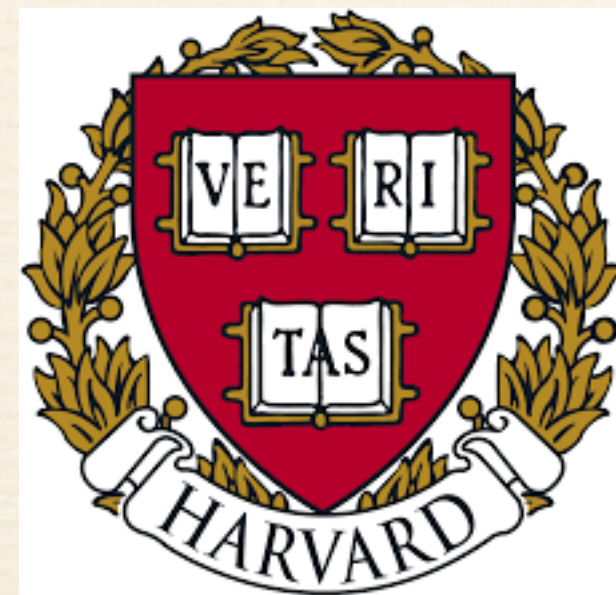
Be -**was**,

Cor2-5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

I am, to be

Being - citizenship, earthly being vs heavenly being

vanity vs glorify (fig vs Jesus Gal 3:27 Eph 4:22)



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5. perfect God's son - As He is (AGAPE)

Mark 12:29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel!

The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with **all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.**' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Deu 6:4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And **you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.** And you must **commit yourselves wholeheartedly** to these commands that I am giving you today.

Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

5. Ready for Jesus's return a perfect God's son - As He is (AGAPE)

Psm 16 I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you." Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.

No wonder my **heart** is glad, and I (**spirit**) rejoice. My **body** rests in safety.

You will show me *the way of life*,
granting me the *joy of your
presence* and the *pleasures of
living with you forever*.

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as **a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1Cor16:22 **If anyone does not love the Lord, that person is cursed.**

Our Lord, come!