

PRESS ON **(Philippians 3:13)**

As the months and years go by most of us can say that we often take note of any accomplishments or failures in our past experiences. We also can most assuredly agree with Paul that we certainly have not arrived at total Spiritual maturity and we look forward to keep fighting and striving to please our Lord.

THINGS BEHIND

Revelation 12:10 The Devil is quick to accuse us before God and is constantly trying to bring a rebuke and discouragement to the saints because of our past sins. He never reminds us of God's mercy.

Isaiah 7:19; Psalm 103:12; Hebrews 8:12 God said that He would bury our sins, put them in the deepest sea, send them as far away as the east is from the west, and that He would FORGET OUR SINS. If God has forgotten our sins shouldn't we put them behind us and forget them also?

II Corinthians 5:10 Some of God's people like to continue to be reminded of the good works they have done for God in the past. The past is over, all we have is NOW. Everything that is done has been recorded in heaven. We need to forget what we have done and move forward and continue to serve.

Romans 12:3 If we spend our time praising ourselves for things in the past we may be rebuked.

Jonah 2:3-7 Some of us put too much emphasis on our past disappointments and failures.

Isaiah 55:11 Most believers seem to remember only their failed attempts at witnessing to the lost.

THINGS FORWARD

I Corinthians 15:51-54; I Thessalonians 4:14-18 We all can look forward to the time when we least expect it, Jesus will call us all up into the clouds to meet Him. What a moment that will be.

Not only will we see the one that died for us and forgave us all our ugly sins, we will meet with our friends and family that have been away from us for so long.

Psalm 126:6; Proverbs 11:30 Just imagine being raptured to meet and see the Lord and waiting there with Him is that someone special that you witnessed to and they received salvation because you cared enough to tell them about Jesus saving Grace.

Revelation 19:7-9 As we wait and anticipate His coming we can look forward to seeing the Lamb, the Bride and the Marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 20:4-6 We should be looking forward to the time that Jesus will give every believer their assignment as to where and how we will help rule and serve with Him in His millennial Kingdom.

PRESSING TOWARD THE FINISH

Ephesians 6:12; I Timothy 6:12 The word "*press*" means – taking immediate action, urgent, imperative, pressure. Paul tells us that we are in a battle that requires us to be watching and to be ready to fight in a war that is a spiritual battle.

II Corinthians 6:14-17; James 1:27 As we fight to the finish we must try and keep ourselves clean and pure from the filth of the world.

Matthew 9:37-38; II Timothy 2:20 We should be concerned enough to be one of the "few laborers" that will meet our Lord with "honor" because of our service to Him.

Hebrews 12:1-2 So many believers have gone on before us that were friends and family. They are waiting for us and we are waiting to see them. Let us serve and watch for Jesus and finish strong.