

Sermon Outline

HAVING THE MIND OF CHRIST (9): LIFE IN CHRIST *Phil 3.8-21*

I. Introduction

- A. Philippians chapter 3 verses 1 to 9 answer the most important question in life i.e. how can I be right with God? The answer is through faith in Christ!
- B. After we have come to faith in Christ, we are a new creation. We began our new life in Christ!
- C. How does a life in Christ look like? Philippians chapter 3 verses 10 to 21 offer us a few pointers on how it looks like in three key words – knowing, straining, and looking

II. Knowing vs 10-12

- A. Christ – personally and experientially as we grow in his knowledge
- B. Power of Christ's resurrection – practically as we combat temptations and sins daily

PS. Paul, even though he has been a Christian for over 30 years, a veteran missionary, church planter, theologian and Bible scholar par excellence, confessed that he is a work in progress; so are you and your fellow brethren!

III. Straining vs 13-16

- A. Forgetting what lies behind
- B. For the goal for the prize of the upward call of God

IV. Looking vs 17-21

- A. Look up to Godly man and woman

- B. Look out for false teachers

- C. Look forward to the return of Christ

V. Conclusion

- A. Our citizenship is in heaven; we are to march to a different drumbeat from the world.

- B. We will be transformed; mortality will put on immortality, the earthy will put on heavenly!

- C. But until then, it is a lifelong journey of knowing Christ, pressing on to the goal for the prize of the upward call of God and looking forward to Christ's soon return!