

**Songs & Scripture from Worship time**

God is the Strength of My Heart  
Come, People of the Risen King  
High Above All Things  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Holy, Holy, God Almighty; Celebration Choir  
Holy, Holy, Holy (in Db/D)

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

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**“Where Will You Be When You Get Where You Are Going?”**

Philippians 3:7-14

I. Introduction

Consider how you would answer the following question:  
*Where will you be when you get where you are going?*

**Philippians Background**

- Prison Epistle
- AD 60-62
- Philippian Church est'd – 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey
- Generally Joyful Tone
- 51 references to Jesus Christ by name (104 vss)
- Primarily Precautionary
- Reference to Judaizers

II. Spiritual Accounting (vv. 7-11)

<b>Assets</b> (Pre Christ) (+)	<b>Liabilities</b> (-)
Circumcised 8 <sup>th</sup> day	All counted as loss
Nation of Israel	
Tribe of Benjamin	
Hebrew of Hebrews	
Pharisee	
Zeal in persecution of the church	
Blameless	

Assets (+)	Liabilities (-)
Born to good family	
A good person	
Do good things	
Church member	All counted as loss
Baptized	
Taught others	
Love my neighbor	

**...that I may *know* Christ**

- Mental Comprehension – 1 Thess 1:3-4  
     ...**knowing**, brethren beloved of God, His choice of you...
- Acquaintance/Familiarity/Contact – Acts 10:28  
     ...You yourselves **know** how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to  
     associate with a foreigner....
- Deep Insight via Logical Analysis of Facts – Eph 5:17  
     So then do not be foolish, but understand [**know**] what the will of the Lord  
     is.
- Experiential, Intimate Relationship – Phil 3:10

**...that I may *Gain* Christ**

- Knowledge of Christ (vv 8,10) - Identification
- Righteousness of Christ (v 9) – Justification
- Power of Christ (v 10) – Sanctification
- Suffering with Christ (v 10) – Participation
- Glory of Christ (v 11) – Glorification
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Assets (+)	Liabilities (-)
Salvation	
grace	
thru	
Faith	
Jesus Christ	

### III. The Aim of My Life (vv. 12-14)

#### Already

- New Creation – 2 Cor 5:17
- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit – Rom 8:9
- Partaker of New Covenant – 1 Cor 11:25
- Given Blessings/Inheritance/Promises – Eph 1:3-14
- Delivered from Present Evil Age – Gal 1:4

#### Not Yet

- Glorification – Rom 8:30
- Heavenly Home and Glory – Phil 3:20-21

#### Sole focus

Forget what lies behind, press on toward the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (v14)

### IV. Conclusion/Application

#### **The Road Ahead**

- Are you certain of where you are going?
- What does your spiritual ledger look like?
- What is it from “what lies behind” that is distracting you from the prize?
- What obstacles are keeping you from “reaching forward to what lies ahead”?