

Philippians: Joy Case
Forward Thinking
Philippians 3:12-14

Introduction – Some Christians live life on pause while Paul encourages constant pursuit.

I. Gotcha – v. 12

- Paul disclaims perfect but confirms progress and a future goal
- Jesus had laid hold of Paul on the road to Damascus – Acts 9:1-16
- Paul desires to lay hold (apprehend, appropriate and appreciate) of Christ's desire for his life – Galatians 1:16; Philippians 3:10

II. Simple Living – v. 13

- One thing – Philippians 1:21
- Forget the past: Pre-Christian and previous progress
- Forget that which hinders and remember what helps
- Straining forth – 1 Corinthians 9:23-27

III. Bearing Down – v. 14

- No time to relax for Paul found Someone worth living for
- High/ upward calling – from heaven and to heaven
- To be like Christ and soon with Christ

Conclusion – Let us live with clarity in hot pursuit of Christlikeness.