

Preparing For A New Year

- I. Paul's goal (To _____ Christ) (Phil. 3:10-11)
- A. To know Christ means to sacrifice everything so that we can know by experience the _____ of Christ
- B. Paul wanted:
1. the power of Christ's resurrection – Through Christ's resurrection from the dead:
 - a. We have the power to overcome _____
 - b. We have a certain future in heaven after _____
 - c. We the confidence to serve God despite _____
 2. to participate in the sufferings of Christ
 - a. Like Christ, we are _____ to suffer for the kingdom of God even to the point of death
 - b. As we endure suffering, we draw _____ to Christ
 - c. becoming like Him (Christ) in death – As Christ died for sin, we have died to sin and do everything to _____ from our life
 4. and so, somehow, attaining the resurrection of the dead
To be _____ with the saints into our heavenly inheritance
- II. Paul's understanding (He has not achieved these goals and needs to continue to _____ in Christ) (Phil. 3:12-13a)
- III. Paul's _____ of the past (Phil. 3:13b)
- A. Paul _____ from the past
- B. Paul understood that he needed to move forward and not be _____ by His past
- IV. Paul _____ in the present while _____ to the future (Phil. 3:14)
- A. Paul understood that he had a _____ calling
1. Paul was called from _____ to _____
 2. Paul was invited into God's _____
 3. Paul was called to be God's _____
- B. Paul understood that he needed _____ thinking
- V. Paul's Challenge to us (Phil. 3:15-16)
- A. Continue to work become more spiritually _____ (Phil. 3:10,14)
- B. Live up to our position in Christ (_____ of _____)

VI. How do we prepare for a new year?

- A. _____ the past year
- B. Make _____ where needed
- C. _____ forgiveness from those you have wronged
- D. _____ forgiveness to those who wronged you
- E. _____ and _____ God for all the great things He did for us this year
- F. Keep _____ in Christ
- G. Be a _____ for Christ
- H. Live in the _____