

“A Review of Genesis 3 & 4”  
Philippians 3:7-21

*“Let us also lay aside every weight (any pursuit that would keep me from fully pursuing Christ), and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance (with purpose and zeal) the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

*“You cannot burn yourself out living for Jesus, (Philippians 2:13) but you can and will burn yourself out wanting anything more than you want to know Jesus.” (1 Timothy 4:7-16)*

*“‘I feel’ steals my joy, strength, hope, faith, love, sound mind, zeal, and faithfulness. ‘I know’ establishes my joy, strength, hope, faith, love, sound mind, zeal, and faithfulness.”*

- *The Net Gain of Christ (Philippians 3:7-11):* No matter what I lose, if I gain a greater knowledge or closeness to Christ, I win. *“Then Jesus told His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.’” (Matthew 16:24-25)*
  - There is nothing more valuable in this life than *knowing* Christ, *growing* in Christlikeness, and *sharing* Christ (cf. 1 John 5:20).
  - We should be full of praise and thankfulness because of the grace of God that has been given to us in Christ. We are lost without His righteousness that is given to us by faith (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:20).
  - That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection (salvation and sanctification; cf. Romans 6:1-4). That I may share in His suffering (the loss of worldly pursuits, the denial of my feelings, and the losses that come in living for Christ; cf. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7) to fellowship deeper with Him. That by any means I may see the completion of my salvation (final glorification; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58) to enjoy Christ for all eternity to the highest possible enjoyment.
 

*“The apostle Paul knows nothing of a salvation outside of full surrender to the Lordship of Christ; past, present, and future.”*
- *Thinking about what I know about Christ (Philippians 3:12-16):* I must reject how I feel about things and must do and pursue what I know. *“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:1-3)*
  - Paul has not attained final salvation but he *presses on* to make it his own; he *forgets* his past pursuits and failures; he *strains forward* to grow in Christ; because it is worth it no matter the loss.
  - There is a mature way, an objective way, for Christians to think. There is a mature way, an objective way, for Christians to live.
- *The Battle Between Imitating Christ Pursuers and World Pursuers (Philippians 3:17-21):* Every day I need to set Christ and an example of a Christ pursuer in front of my face. This will lead to sanctification. *“So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.” (Colossians 1:10-11)*

*“It takes a maximum effort to pursue Christlikeness. There is no other way!” (John MacArthur)*

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**Worship:** Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Various Artists)      He Will Hold Me Fast (Norton Hall Band)  
Lion And The Lamb (Leeland)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;  
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- There are only two groups of people on the planet: pursuers of Christ or pursuers of this world. We must be intentional to show the world the objective distinctions between Christ pursuing and world pursuing.
- It is emotional to pursue Christ and to reject this world, and it is emotional to think of the ultimate outcomes of these pursuits. A Christian is emotional and stable because of the power of objective truth.

*“The ultimate goal of salvation is to be conformed to the image of Christ for His glory.” (Romans 8:29)*

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**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of June we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry. For more information about HeartCry and what they do, please see the board in the lobby. There is a container on the back table to put your monetary donations in. There is also information on the container about how to give online.

★**FATHER’S DAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner together NEXT Sunday, June 19th, immediately following the worship service, in celebration of Father’s Day! We will be grilling out hamburgers and hotdogs and enjoying a cookout themed dinner together! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and the fellowship with us! This is also a great opportunity to invite your dad, grandpa, uncle, brother, or any father-like figure in your life to join us for the worship service and the Fellowship Dinner.

★**4TH OF JULY SERVICE:** We will be having our annual 4th of July Service on Sunday, July 3rd, at Mary Conrad’s house (15340 CR 439, Dresden). Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual outdoor service and Fellowship Dinner! We will have a sign-up list out next week for everyone to sign-up to bring something!