

# Sermon Notes

## *Putting the Past Behind Us (Part Two)*

### Philippians 3

Justification: right position before the Lord. “Just as if” you had never sinned.

Sanctification: the process of becoming more Christ-like, holier.

Several times in the New Testament the Christian life is pictured as a race (1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 2 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 12:1). To grow as a Christian you’ve got to be in the race, have the proper attitude, and give it the proper effort.

1. To grow as a Christian you’ve got to be in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To grow as a Christian, you’ve got to have the proper \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The long-haul attitude: Christian growth is a lifelong process.

This attitude of viewing Christian growth as a lifelong process is crucial for at least two reasons. First, we all have the human tendency to want \_\_\_\_\_ fixes and easy answers to difficult problems. The second reason it’s important to maintain this attitude, that Christian growth is a lifelong process, is that it enables us to be gracious and patient with one another.

B. The “not-having-arrived” attitude: Christian growth requires always moving ahead.

1. An attitude of moving ahead from the past: Leave it there!

#### Concerning Our Past

Your past events cannot hurt you. Why? Because they are \_\_\_\_\_. That’s what the word “past” means. Our experiences teach us things. Sometimes we learn very good things.

Other times, we learn not so good things. Then that learning affects \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do people hang on to resentments over their past? They \_\_\_\_\_ today and blame the past for their current situation.

Biblical Remedies: 1. See yourself as God sees you (Romans 3:24; John 1:10-13). 2. Please GRACE beside every destructive thought and negative reminder from the past that threatens you. See your world as God sees your worlds. 4. Meditate on the healing truths in God’s Word daily (Joshua 1:8-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). 5. Forgive as Jesus has forgiven you. 6. keep moving forward by anticipating something today and something tomorrow.

2. An attitude of moving ahead toward the future: Aim for the goal!

3. An attitude of moving ahead in the present: Keep moving!

3. To grow as a Christian, you have to give it the proper effort.

#### Action Points

1. Research any and all Bible verses that address any problematic thing that you have learned from your past. Write those verses down. Do your best to memorize them.

Study for This Week: Jeremiah 41

#### Announcements

- Bible Study – Tuesday, 6:00 pm – Jeremiah 41

**Saturday Service: 5:00 pm • Sunday Service: 10:30 am • Tuesday Bible Study: 6:00 pm**

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**April 21/22, 2018**

Songs – *Soul on Fire*

*This is Amazing Grace // How Great is Our God*

Opening Prayer

**Scripture -- Psalm 51:12-15**

Song – *Just Be Held*

**Scripture -- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

Song – *Redeemed*

Message – “Putting the Past Behind Us – Part Two”

Prayers of Need and Thanksgiving / Doxology

Song – *I Trust in Jesus*

*\* Original Led By Mercy Song*

# **Welcome to Our Worship Service!**



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