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Salvations in Scripture

- <u>Initial</u> Salvation
- Daily Salvation
- Final Salvation
- I. Goal: Our Maturity in Christ
- II. Process
 - 1. Forgetting what Lies Behind
 - 2. Straining Forward
 - 3. Pressing On

III. Prize - <u>Upward call of God in Christ Jesus</u>

- Being Conformed to the Image of Christ
 - Romans 8:29-30 "For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."

FAITH SHEET

Transformation Verse - "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out." John 6:37

Main Point: The goal of our faith is to grow in maturity in Christ by forgetting the past, straining forward, and pressing on. Regardless of how we grow in faith, the credit for our righteousness is only due to Christ.

#1 - Reviewing this Past Sunday Real Joy: Finishing Well - Part 2 Philippians 3:12-16

- 1. Read Philippians 3:12-16.
- 2. What are some ways we can declare ourselves righteous? What are some ways we can feel like we have "arrived" as a follower of Christ?
- 3. What does it mean to you that God made you His own? (12)
- 4. God made you His own, and He will not lose you. (John 6:37). What emotions stir in you when you view your relationship with God?
- 5. What are some ways you can "press on", having your salvation in Jesus?

#2 - Preparing for Next Sunday Real Joy: Finishing Well - Part 3 Philippians 3: 17-21

- 1. Read Philippians 3:17-21.
- 2. What did Paul want the Philippians to do? (17)
- 3. Why is this request not arrogant, and why is it important to have earthly role models? (See 1 Cor. 11:1 and Luke 6:40)
- 4. How are the Lord's enemies described? (18-19)
- 5. What is something we must know as we pass through this life? (20)
- 6. What do we look forward to as He returns? (21)
- 7. Spend some time praying through this text. Tell God what you appreciate about Him.