

Sunday 25th October 2020

Call to worship Psalm 33v1-3

Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord;
it is fitting for the pure to praise him.
Praise the Lord with melodies on the lyre;
make music for him on the ten-stringed harp.
Sing a new song of praise to him;
play skillfully on the harp, and sing with joy.

Prayer

Songs: Hosanna (praise is rising)
Great things (Come let us worship our King)

Kids Talk and prayer - Coralee

Kids leave for Kid's Alive!

Notices - Lewis

Songs: The Heart of worship (when the music fades (all is stripped away)

'Knowing Jesus and Making Him known'

Sermon

'I Press On' v14

Philippians 3v12-16 p959 New Living Translation

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I

focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

¹⁵ Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. ¹⁶ But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

Rest: In Paul's case he was having an enforced rest giving plenty time to think and reflect on his past

Refresh: The gifts Paul had received and the people who brought those gifts refreshed him

Re-engage: 'I press on' v12, 14, 'hold on to the progress we have already made' v16

V12 – Paul makes a very modest assessment of his life and progress as a Christian understanding there is more to come. He wants to possess that for what Christ possessed him. He is looking back to his conversion when he realised who Jesus was and what Jesus had done for him and what Jesus had chosen him for see Acts chapter 9.

Q: What can you remember of your conversion and what you believed then was to be your purpose in following Jesus?

V13 Paul chooses not to remember the things of the past (v1-11) his self-righteousness and his persecuting the Church. We do well not to dig up past things in a way that brings us or others down, things that have been repented of and moved onwards from.

V14 Paul likens himself to an athlete that is in a race as he presses on to attain a prize that is both eternal and priceless, each lap getting stronger and more determined to win the prize.

V16 We all must hold on to the progress we've made.

Q: What do you need to do to possess that for which Christ Jesus first possessed you?

**Prayer and response Time - Ian
(Kids rejoin the service)**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

Songs: Oceans (you call me out upon the waters)
When I survey the wondrous cross

Blessing: "Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

The Lord be with all of you." (2 Thessalonians. 3:16)