



THIS ONE THING I DO

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Philippians 3:7-14*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

The Apostle Paul's greatest desire and goal in his life was to have a close relationship with Jesus Christ and to be like Him (*I John 5:20*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God (Romans 6:13).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Our life's goal as believers in Jesus Christ is to share the Gospel of Christ, love God, and to follow and please Him (*Matthew 28:19-18; Mark 12:29-30*).
2. Our relationship with Jesus Christ should never be neglected, but grow stronger day by day (*Romans 5:8-11; II Corinthians 6:16-18*).
3. Believers must use their talents, service, energy, and resources for the benefit for Jesus Christ and the Body of Christ (*Proverbs 3:9-10; Luke 6:38*).
4. To conform to God's standards of righteousness we must consistently obey God's Word, His Will, and be a living example of His character (*Proverbs 21:21; I Timothy 6:11-12*).
5. Obeying God and abiding in His salvation should be our highest priority because our eternal future depends upon it (*Joshua 24:15; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16*).

6. Jesus Christ is the source of all true and lasting satisfaction in life (*Psalms 63:1-5; Matthew 5:3-12*).

BACKGROUND SETTINGS:

The Apostle Paul had a strong and impressive Jewish background. He had impressive credentials, accomplishments, and reputation. He belonged to the Tribe of Benjamin, a heritage greatly esteemed among the Jews. He was very religious and became a Pharisee. He also believed that the Christian movement was a danger to Judaism and persecuted the followers of Jesus Christ. But when Paul was converted on the road to Damascus and met Jesus Christ, he was thoroughly changed and convinced that he found the One who gave a purpose for living and dying and became totally committed to Jesus Christ. His whole purpose in life was to speak boldly for Jesus Christ and that dying for Him would be better than living. He said, "*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*" (*Philippians 1:21*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

Like the Apostle Paul, our ultimate goal and purpose in this life is to have a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Paul made many sacrifices and endured hardships to serve Christ. We may be called to "give up" worldly endeavors to be loyal to Jesus Christ. The achievement of any goal or purpose requires commitment and to follow through with a course of action (*Psalms 37:5*). Committing our heart, mind, and resources to Jesus Christ is central to living faithfully. Faith devoid of commitment is dead faith. The commitment to do God's will and to follow Him requires courage, perseverance, and endurance until Jesus comes again. Following Jesus Christ is always a wise choice because He created us and knows what's best for us (*John 10:27*).

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