



Living in Christ

Encouragement from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Sunday, November 1

A Life Worthy of the Gospel

Text: Philippians 1:20-30

Sunday, November 8

Imitating Christ's Love

Text: Philippians 2:1-18

Sunday, November 15

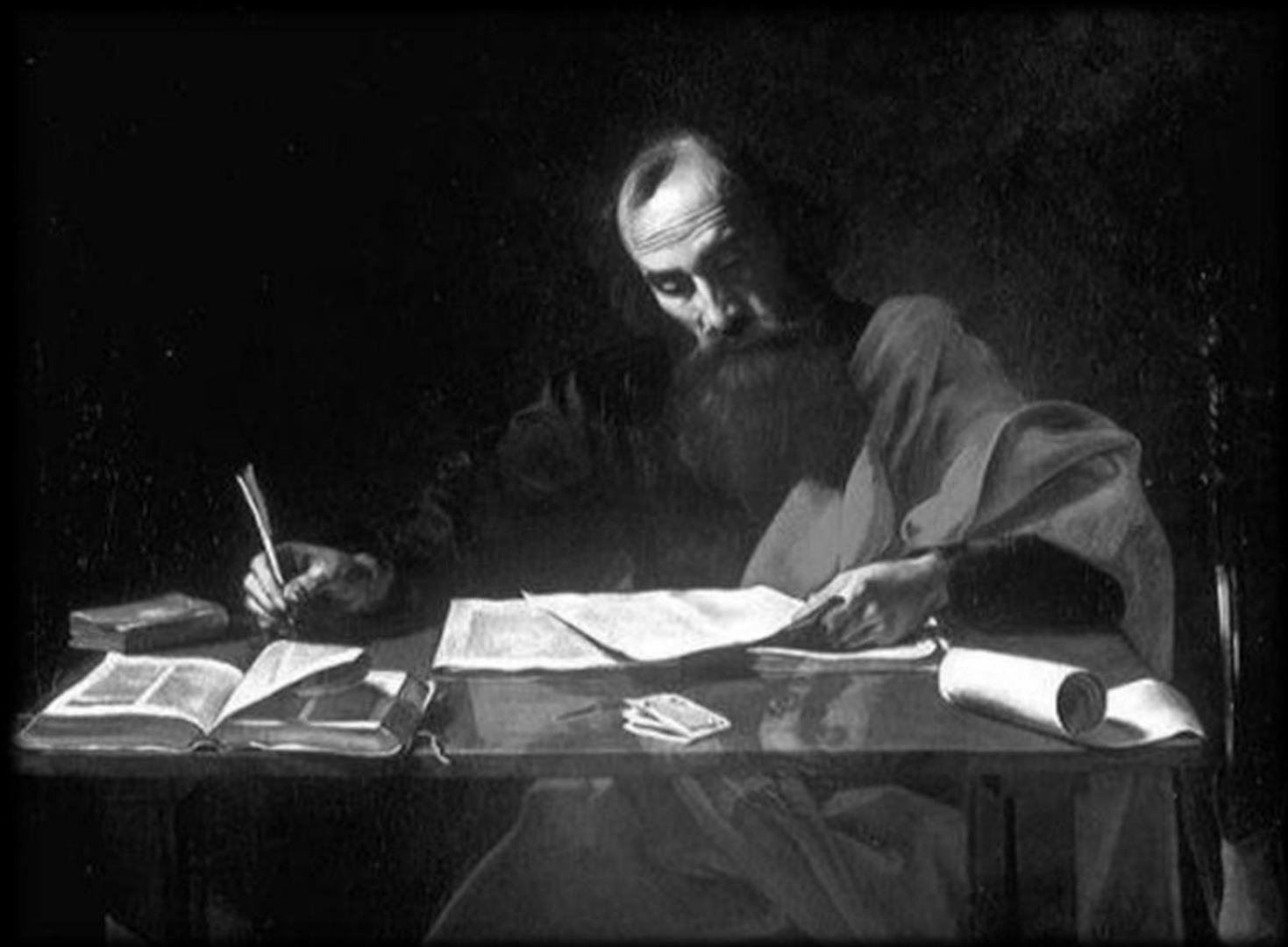
Pressing On Toward the Goal

Text: Philippians 3:4b-17


Sunday, November 22

Content in the Lord

Text: Philippians 4:4-20



Philippians 3:4-6



^{4b} If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Philippians 3:7-9

⁷ But whatever were gains to me
I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything
a loss because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage, that I may gain
Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from
the law, but that which is through faith in
Christ — the righteousness that comes
from God on the basis of faith.



Philippians 3:10-11

¹⁰ I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.



Philippians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



Philippians 3:15-17

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.



Pressing On...

1. If the choice is between anything in this world and Christ, I will press on to choose Christ.
2. I will deal with the things of this world so they draw me nearer to Christ, so I gain more of Christ and enjoy the world for what God intended it to provide.
3. I will live my life so that others see that Christ is my treasure, not the things of this world.
4. I will live with open hands, ready to lose all the world has to offer, and to participate with Christ in this way.

