



Dealing with the Past

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- Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead (**Phil. 3:13**)
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“Forgetting”

- He is not saying to erase the past, because he often spoke of the past
 - In his defense (Acts 26)
 - In proving the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:8-10)
 - In speaking of the driving force in his life (1 Tim. 1:12-16)
 - In good things concerning his brethren (1 Thess. 1:3-4)
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He was not holding on to:

- His old false religion
 - It was based on:
 - Flesh (Phil. 3:3-5)
 - The Mosaic Law (Phil. 3:6)
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He let go of the old to gain the new

Phil 3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Other things

- Grudges
 - Little hurts
 - Reliving our mistakes and sins again and again
 - Failing to forgive
 - Mistakes
 - Sins
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Certain things we must realize:

- Past is gone
 - Satan will try to use the past to defeat us
 - Can't change it; but we can change the way that we respond to it.
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Paul shows us the way

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