

The Quest of Onward



The Christian Quest

Luke 11:9 (ESV)

"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

SEEK
Christ
Above All

Philippians 1:21

To zen - Christos: Living == Christ

To apothanein - kerdos: Dying == Gain

Fill in the blank....

To live....

To die....

How does one live for Christ?

Salvation through Christ ALONE

Don't get lost in doing "things" for the Lord

Fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ is everything and will fill your joy

SEEK Christ Above All

Philippians 2:2-8

Earthly Advantages

- Confidence in the flesh
- Circumcised the eighth day
- Of the stock of Israel
- From the tribe of Benjamin
- Hebrew of Hebrews
- Concerning the law- A pharisee
- Concerning zeal - Persecuting the church
- Concerning righteousness from the law - Blameless

- Christ

What do you seek?

Earthly Advantages

- Financial gain
- Material gain
- Physical gain
- Intellectual gain
- Moral gain
- Religious gain

- Christ

And Find...

Philippians 3:9

Not having

A. My own

1. Righteousness (what we seek)

a. That [is] from the Law (what we find)

i. But that [righteousness which is] through
faith in Christ

a. The [righteousness that is] from God (what we
find)

1. Righteousness (what we seek)

A. On the basis of faith

That you can
know Him

The power of
His
resurrection

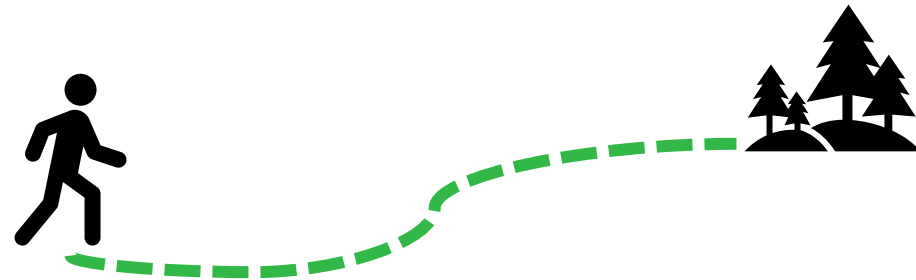
The fellowship
of His
sufferings

Conformed to
His death

**And
Find...**
Philippians 3:10-11

Quest Card

- Seek: Christ Above All
- Find:
 - God's Righteousness
 - That we CAN know Him
 - The power of His resurrection
 - The fellowship of His sufferings
 - Conformed to His death



SEEK Christlike humility

Philippians 2:5

NKJV - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

ESV	HCSB	NLT	NASB	MSG	NIV
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.	Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus	You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus Had.	Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.	Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself.	In your relationships with one another, have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus

SEEK
Christlike
humility
Philippians 2:6-8

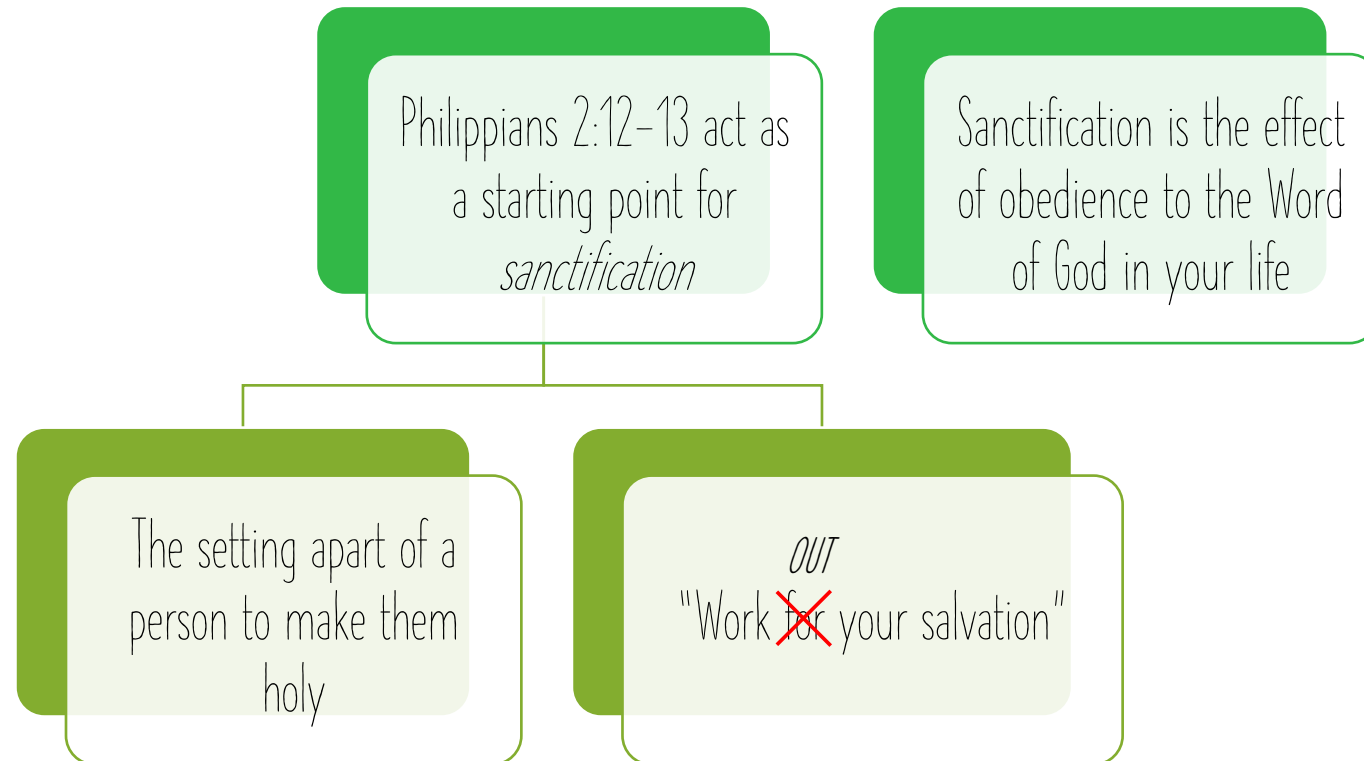
What the Son of God DID NOT DO

- He did not count equality with God as something to be used as a selfish exploit

What the Son of God DID DO

- Emptied Himself by taking the form of a slave
- Humbled Himself by becoming obedient even to the point of death on the cross

FIND God's Purpose for the Believer



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- What does it mean to *work out* your salvation?
 - To follow the example of Jesus Christ
 - Use His example of what a humble, others-focused, God glorifying obedience looks like

FIND God's Purpose for the Believer

Philippians 2:13

¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

God IS at work in us!



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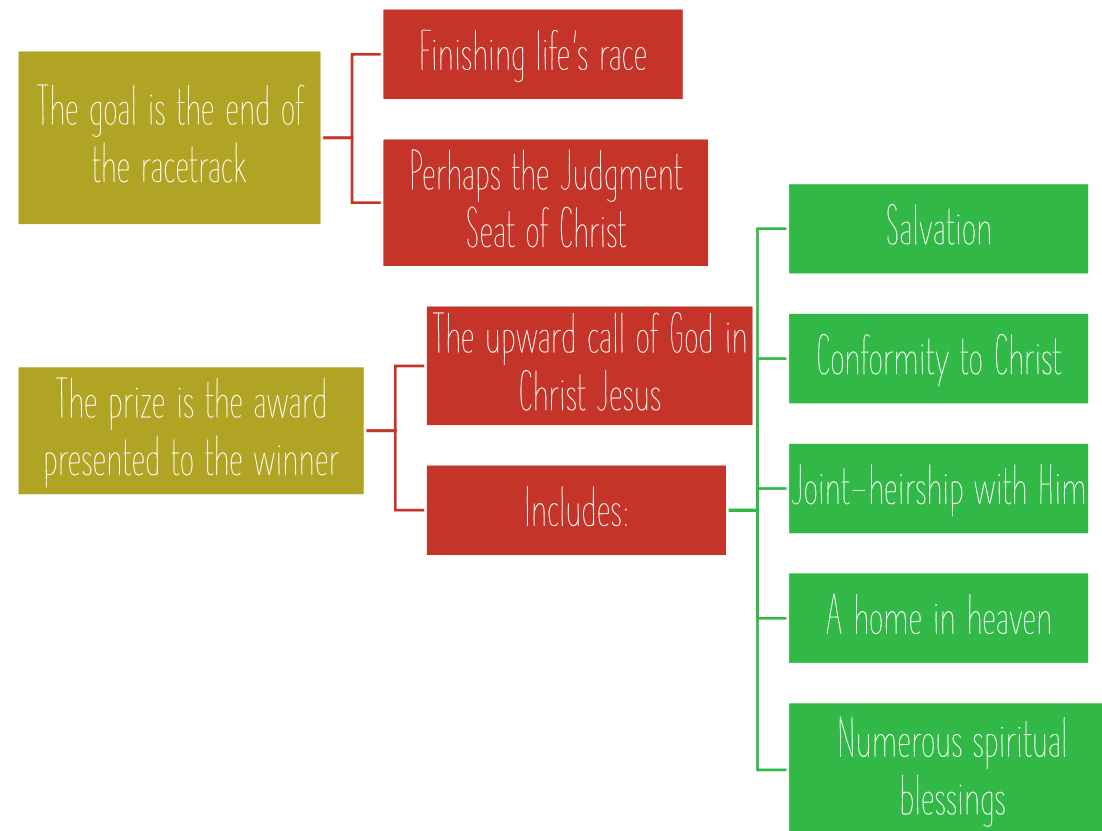
- Seek: Christlike Humility
- Find: God's Purpose for the Believer



SEEK The End of the Race

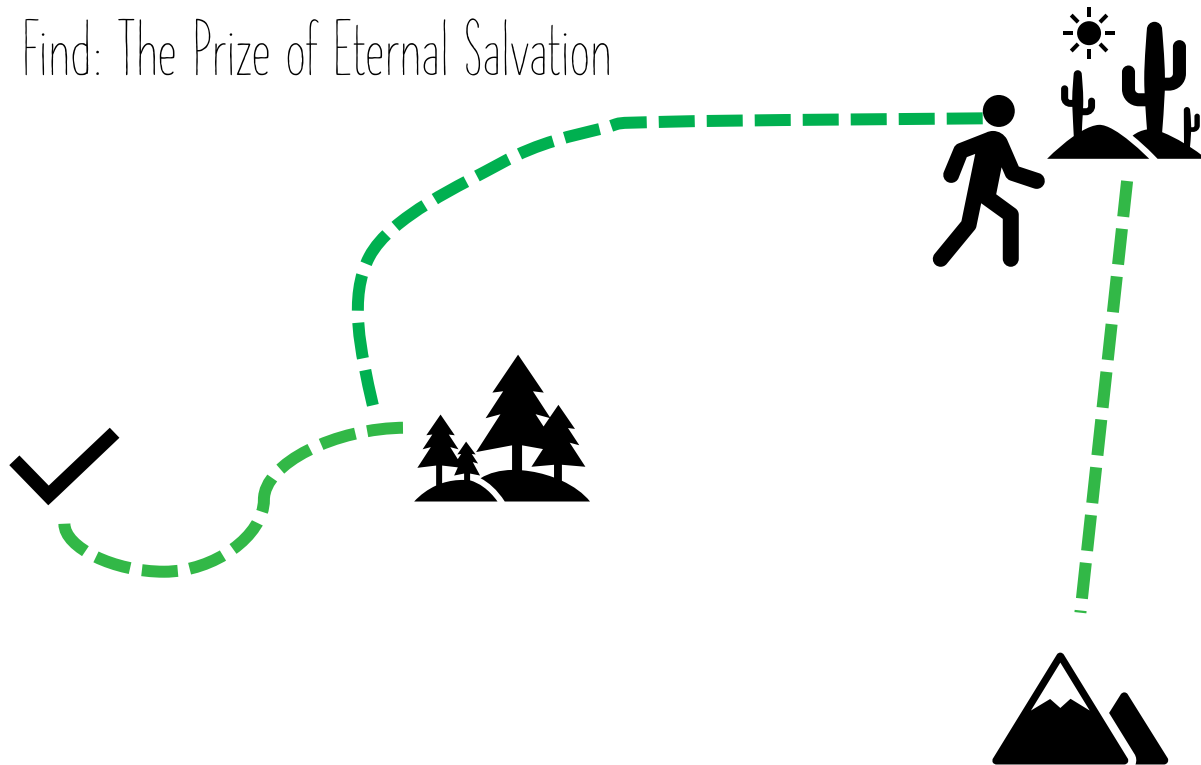
FIND The Prize of Eternal Salvation

Philippians 3:14



Quest Card

- Seek: The End of the Race
- Find: The Prize of Eternal Salvation



Seek all things that are...

Philippians 4:8-9

- Phil 4:8-9 Paul lists eight graces then tells the Philippians to "Meditate on these things"
 - True
 - Honorable (noble)
 - Just
 - Pure
 - Lovely
 - Commendable (of good report)
 - Excellent (virtue)
 - Worthy of praise

SEEK Christ Above All...And FIND All the Graces outlined by Paul...

Seek all things that are...

What or where is your focus?	
False	True
Dishonorable	Honorable
Unjust	Just
Impure	Pure
Ugly	Lovely
Improper	Commendable
Inferior	Excellent
Unworthy	Worthy of Praise

"The believer should look to *the God of peace*, not to the *need for peace*"
-C.S. Lewis

FIND the presence of the God of Peace

Philippians 4:9 - "the God of peace will be with you"

Romans 4:19-21

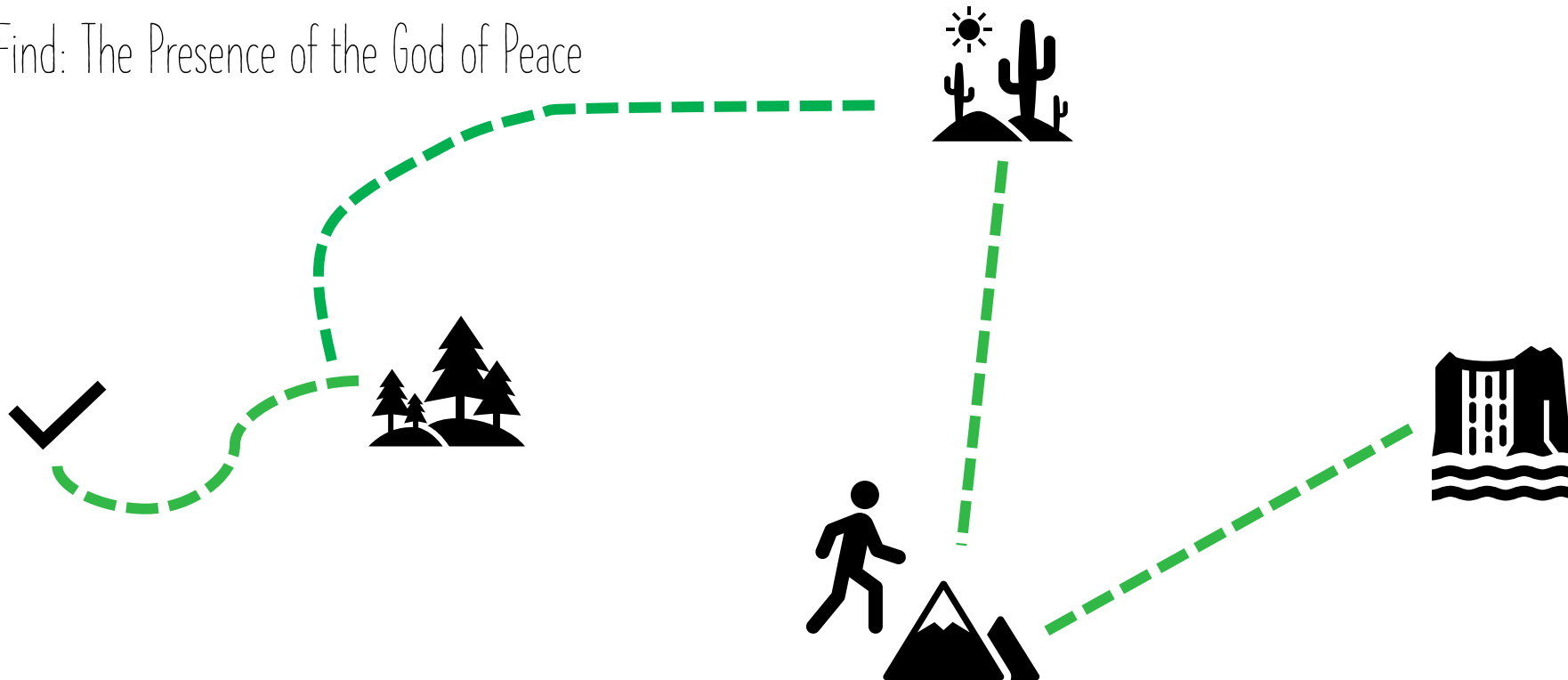
The object of our gaze has either a transforming or deforming effect, depending on whether the object is treasure or trash

Abraham did not allow his gaze to stay fixed on the negative (his old, dead body) nor on barrenness of Sarah's womb

He fixed his focus firmly on God's almighty ability to fulfil what He promised

Quest Card

- Seek: All Things that are Above
- Find: The Presence of the God of Peace



The Final Quest Card

SEEK: Christ Above All



FIND: A God we CAN know

SEEK: Christlike Humility



FIND: God's Purpose for the Believer

SEEK: The End of the Race



FIND: The Prize of Eternal Salvation

SEEK: All Things that are Above



FIND: The Presence of the God of Peace

