



Message Outline
Heaven: Finishing Well
Philippians 3:1-4:1

Intro: Series summary on heaven...

- Living on earth in light of heaven...
 - see 1Cor.15:58, 1Thess.4:13-5:11...
 - “*Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.*” -C.S. Lewis

v.1—“Rejoicing” theme in prison setting!!!

v.2—Warning to “watch out”...

v.3-11—Religious bragging all rubbish if not rooted in personal faith...

- Ultimately about Jesus’ goodness not personal goodness (v.9)...
 - Jesus is what the hope of heaven is built on (cf. v.10-11)...

v.12-16—The past, present, and future tense of salvation...

v.17-21—A contrast between living for earth and living for heaven...

4:1—Staying grounded in Jesus...



The Practice of “Pressing On”

- A track video to illustrate our finish...
- How to live in light of v.14 “pressing on”..

1) E_____ the Race (v.14)

- A personal decision (“**I** press on...”).
- A life rooted “in Christ Jesus”...a life of faith (cf. Gal.2:20).

2) E_____ Forward (v.13a)

- Living forward doesn’t negate occasional glances backward (cf. v.5-6)...
- The focus is forward tho!

3) E_____ Strain (v.13b)

- Pain, struggle, strain in pressing on...

4) E_____ Tape (v.14)

- THE prize, not consolation prize!
- All worth it in the end (cf.Rom.8:17-19)!!!