

Phillipians "a true emphasis"
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Let us turn to Phillipians 3. It has been a little while since we have done this. Phil 3:10. I guess before I read all these scriptures I am going to read verse 14 real quick. I am reading from the Amplified Bible. "I press on towards the goal to win the supreme and heavenly prize to which God in Christ is calling us upward." From the very beginning before God created everything there was something in His heart, some reason for creating the earth, the heavens, all these things. He had a supreme plan. That plan is wrapped up in obtaining a people, a bride, there is all sorts of terminology you can use for that. But that entity that would love Him, that would be for Him, for Him. For His cause also. If for Him therefore for His cause, for His other purposes. But you know, other purposes, there are many purposes but first and foremost to have that which would be joined to Him. And in being joined be one with Him. Identified as Him. Bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh. Now we are talking about the very heart of God now. We are not talking about stuff God wants to accomplish. We are not talking about His occupation. We are not talking about His job. We are not talking about His duties in the earth. We are talking about something that is not understood by a lot of people because you will not get this from Him in casual conversation. You begin to comprehend His heart as John lay on His breast, and close to Him. The disciple whom Jesus loved. The disciple whom Jesus loved. And you see it from the very beginning. The first story involving people is providing a bride for Adam. The very first story. Down in Gen. when Abraham is called and then of course he sends out Eliezer to find the bride for his son. And father Abraham, the son Isaac, the Holy Spirit being Eliezer the one who goes into the far country and brings her back to his place. So, I mean the pattern is over and over. The pattern is just the Holy Spirit bringing her, preparing her, bringing her to his place, to his heart, to that

which is him and from where he is. And we are talking about what we are going to read here. This upward call, this heavenly call, this supreme call, this above call. Above, above, above everything else but also it is from above. But above, above. It is above everything else. It is above all the things that you do. Like a husband will work a job but he works it so he can be with his wife and kids. He may do this and that but there is all this stuff. But those things are things, they are not relationship.

And you just go all the way through. You can just take it all the way through the Bible. In Ruth, the story of Ruth ends with a marriage. And the fruit of that marriage ends up being David which pleases God tremendously. Song of Solomon. And over and over. It really is all the way through. So much so that when you take it right down to the book of Revelation you got two pictures. You have got something going on in heaven and earth. What is going on in earth is destruction and screaming and dread and doom. What is going on in heaven is a marriage. It is just that simple. It is a relational marriage. And it has held the line all the way through the Bible because God started with that and He ends with that. Now the difference is the first picture is in the garden in the earth and that union ends in destruction and messing everything up because it is a shadow. The last one ends up in heavenly places and ends up being the joy of the whole earth and the heavens as it were. Because it is a union with Him. The difference is this; Adam and Eve where a shadow, we look at God who looks at the earth, there is no devil yet, there is no sin, there is no failure, there is no nothing, and God looks and says it is not good for man to be alone. It is not good for him to be alone. It is not good for him to be alone. There is something that is not good. It is not sin but it is not good. It is not bad, it is not good. And that is representing the heart of the Lord. Now where we get lost is we go "well if it is not good for Adam to be alone it is not good for me to be alone, therefore I need to have this and I need to have that." And even people who get married say, "I need to have this and I need to have that." It is all about the shadow. When in truth that was only a shadow and marriage is only a shadow, so when you end up leaving His heart and you end

up leaving His goal. See He doesn't want to just give us a mate that we are happy with. He wants us to be that mate that He is happy with. That is not a shadow. That is the real thing. And there is not going to be any union in heaven other than that union. That is His supreme desire. And what you see in the end is you see a bride that comes from above, she is not of the earth. So it is an upward call because we start in the earth. We are born in the earth and we are here and we know the earth and we know the earth better than the heavenlies. We know our heart better than we know His heart. We know the earth. But Paul is seeing that there is an upward calling, ever upward calling. So, I am going to be reading from the Amplified so you mind as well just listen because you will finish yours long before I finish mine if you try to read along. And I am going to read 10-18. "For my determined purpose, (this is Paul speaking) my determined purpose is that I may know Him, that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately; that I may progressively become more deeply and more intimately acquainted with Him. Perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His person more strongly and more clearly and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection which it excerpts over believers. And that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed in spirit into His likeness even to His death. In the hope that if possible I may attain to the spiritual resurrection that lifts me out from among the dead, even while in the body. Not that I have now attained this ideal or am already made perfect but I press on to lay hold of grasp and make my own that for which Christ Jesus has laid hold of me and made me His own. I do not consider brethren that I have captured and made it my own yet, but one thing I do, it is my one aspiration, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press onward toward the goal to win the supreme heavenly prize to which God in Christ is calling us upward. So let those of us who are spiritually mature and full-grown, have this mind and hold these convictions. And if any of you have a different attitude of mind God will make that clear to you also. Only let us hold true to what we have already attained and walk and order our lives after that.

Brethren together follow my example and observe those who live after the pattern we have set before you. For there are many of whom I have often told you, and I tell you with tears, who walk, live as enemies of the cross of Christ, the anointed one." So Paul, last time we talked about the fact that he was a great missionary, he led many souls to the Lord, so he was a great soul winner, he established churches, so he was a great church establisher. And named off all the things that people have made the goal, the supreme goal. He did everything that everybody wanted to do, in fact he did all of the categories on all of this stuff. If you look in Acts and you just see what he does you might be deceived. But if you ask him what is his heart he says "I have a determined purpose, I have a determined purpose, that I live after, that I order my whole life after. That determined purpose is that I may know Him. Not just know about Him. That I know Him more deeply and more intimately." Now, we talk about knowing the word of God and that can be a very sterile relationship. "Oh, I want to know the word of God, I want to know the word of God." Not "I want to know God," "I want to know the word of God." I don't have any problem with anybody searching the scripture, so that is not what I am talking about. I am just saying to make our purpose to know the word of God can be no relationship with Him per se except as one who is trying to gain a certain amount of information so that with that information you have a better life, with that information you may not mess up or get in trouble with Almighty God. Paul is not saying, he is not even saying know the word of God, he is not even saying "my determined purpose is to know the God of the creation that created us that I may more dutifully give Him what is due His Holy Name." He did not talk like that at all. He said, "I want to more deeply and intimately know Him, progressively becoming more deeply acquainted with Him." Perceiving, recognizing, because a lot of times we do not recognize that which is His nature, His way. We order our lives by good and evil. That is evil, do not do that, that is good, do that. But to perceive His nature, such as at the cross where He was doing the greatest work for us. Isaiah 53 says "We esteemed Him not, we esteemed Him, stricken,

smitten of God. We esteem Him despised, uncomely, unbeautiful. Yucky. We hid as it were our faces from Him. Yet at that very moment He is demonstrating some of the greatest love. But we do not perceive His nature. We are going by what we see. And well, ya know, He must have done something wrong because only thieves, malefactors I think is the scriptural term, dies on the cross. If You were at least a little bit better person they would cut your head off. But since you were a really slimy guy. There has got to be something wrong here. You cannot go by what you see, you have to know the heart of the Lord. You have to deeply perceive Him, and understand Him and be able to recognize Him, the wonders of His person. Now, I do not think we have a hard time recognizing the wonders of His goodness. Because He does stuff for us. But this did not say the wonders of His goodness. It said the wonders of His person, more strongly and more clearly. This is a whole lot of adjectives here, and they are all bent towards what Paul calls a 'determined purpose'. That determined purpose lies somewhere in the fact that the apostle Paul not as an apostle, but as a believer, stepped out of just being the church, which was called out of something, and has stepped into being the bride which was called into something. It is no longer just emphasizing what it left. It is going in. It is not just leaving Egypt, it is going into the land of promise. It is going into the land that flows with milk and honey. It is a good land, God says of His Son. It is a good land. And in this land you are not going to have to plant, you are not going to have to water. The rain of heaven. The sources are not the same. It is not the same deal. And so Paul as a person began to perceive the heart of God. If you are spiritually mature, you should order your life like this to. But that is a secondary thing with him. He is pretty much just telling his heart. He is opening up and saying, this is what I order my life after, this is what drives me, this is what is important to me. And it is important to me because I perceive that there is an upward call, there is not just this Jerusalem. The apostle Paul was well acquainted with this Jerusalem, more than we are. He said this is not it. He says we are the new Jerusalem, not us in our earthly form. For Paul the process, and he talks about it

here, a conformity to the Lord and a conformity to this upward call so much that you are drawn into that heavenly New Jerusalem. Which is above, which is not of the earth, it is above. Manifesting itself into the earth. So, it struck me when Mike was singing the song that he was singing that within the last four or five years there has been a turn in Christianity. And that turn has been in relationship to worship songs. They have become more intimately, I love You, I long after You. And I believe that is spirit lead. I believe that is spirit lead. And I have been around, it has been a pretty long time now, but I remember when worship coerces as we understand them now did not exist. They did not exist. It was, I can't even describe it but it was not good. And then the charismatic movement came in with worship coereses and what we have now. But they were, they were not all. And even before this present move allot of it was more militant. "We are going to take the land, we are going to defeat the enemy," this sort of thing. But this present giving of the Holy Spirit of worship songs is more like a bride. Almost all of them. It is a whole new deal. Nobody planned, nobody orchestrated that accept the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit knows the times and the seasons, and He is progressively bringing us. Now, I believe that allot of people in those churches who receive or who hear those songs, will respond mainly from there soul towards the Lord as if some sort of a lovey dovey, instead of fully comprehending His heart in relationship to this whole plan. Instead of it being a spirit love which is agape, agape. It becomes a soulish love because You provide for me, You do this for me, You do that for me. You know what I mean. But I believe that the Holy Spirit is right on with were the emphasis should be. It should be more on, more deeply and more intimately knowing the Lord. I wrote down here some things and that I ended up paraphrasing the paraphrase here. Well he say's in Phillipians here, his determined perpose is to know Him deeply and intimately. Again, I think you have to know, Song of Solomon, you have to know the King is King before your ever going to enter into His bed chamber. He is the King. There is a whole lot of relationships you have to work through. But the finale in the book of Revelation, the final relationship

is this bride. The final relationship that we..... the Spirit and the Bride say come. It's wound up in that relationship, so. To know Him deeply and intimately, in so doing that I may conform to Him. That is a bride kind of thing. Not just a "well, I want to be right in all my ways, I want to conform to the Lord." I do not believe that is the spirit of it. I believe the spirit of it clearly, if You my husband, if You my head, if my head is the Lamb, I want to be one with you. Which would involve conformity, wouldn't it? When I say one with You now I am not talking about the average thinking of what marriage means to be one. I'm talking about one, I'm talking about bone of His bone, I'm talking about really one. The One. Being one with Him. And Paul will spell that out, what that exactly means. And it is all related, not to ministry, not to how good my family life is, not to how good my personal walk is. As much as to how my life is deeply involved with the death and resurrection of Christ. And that is what he brings up. Of all the things that he could have brought up....and if you don't know my mind....death and resurrection of Christ is the heart, soul, center, circumference of the plan of God. And anybody that walks off from that has left all that.....they have left there only hope. They have left there life, they have left all that can receive it through. So in knowing Him more deeply, in so doing that I can conform to Him is what he says, to Him. And in conforming to Him I will know His power outflowing in resurrection. What does that mean? Ya know. You see, people talk allot about resurrection power. And of course the truth is, the scriptures talk more about resurrection life. Even here it is talking about the power of His resurrection, not resurrection power. He is talking about the power of His resurrection. And His resurrection is Him coming forth out of death. Out from among the dead. Leaving, as it were, the butterfly leaving the cocoon in the old creation. Leaving it. And moving into an above relationship. Not earth. Not a crawly, earthly, stuck to the gravity holding me down as a caterpillar. But breaking out in resurrection. Okay, the resurrection to us is Christ. Christ rose from the dead and "we in Him", it says in Ephesians, "we in Him." So much so that we are resurrected, but only in Him. And to us, He is the resurrection and

the life. Martha and Mary, they are worried about their brother. He is sick. And they send word to Jesus. "He who you love is very sick, to the point of death, please come". Jesus said to them, "this sickness is not unto death. If you ever heard that scripture and you wonder where it is from, it is from right there. This sickness is not unto death. Lazerus died. He died. I don't care what anybody tells you, he died. Jesus went on to say, and eventually fully explain was that He is the resurrection and the life. And if you're looking for healing or resurrection apart from Him you are looking at the wrong thing. And that you do need to die, that you might come forth in resurrection. And that He might be the power outflowing in your life. Now that is the difference between somebody who has experienced death and resurrection, and somebody who believes in it. It is a wonderful thing to believe in, but Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ." If you read Galatians or Romans six and seven where he talks about his death with Christ...this was a personal struggle that ended with his comprehension of his death and Christ as his life. It was not just a belief thing that he just went, "I see that in the scriptures, and that is believable, therefore I believe that." There was a process that he went through, so that, like Lazerus, there was a death but there was a resurrection. But unlike Lazerus it was not us coming forth again in power of His, the power of His resurrection. The power of His resurrection. Where is that power located? It's in us. Which is this relationship that we have here in the union of one. This is this impartation of seed within us that begins to come forth as life. It is this impartation of His being into us that will supersede circumstances. It will supersede the earth. It will overcome gravity, if you understand what I am saying. It will supersede the pull of the earth, and the earthly and the earthy. It will overcome the pull of the earth, the law of sin and death. That is a powerful exusion there. It is a breaking forth, the power overflowing, is the way this says, from His resurrection. That empowers us, that provides new life within us that is not of this earth, that is not dictated by this earth, that cannot be held by this earth. But it has got to be that which is already from above, and (????????). And it has to be alive because all were born

in Adam except Jesus. Joseph was not His father, God was His father. He was not of the earth, never was. John the baptist said it. He that comes after me, I am not worthy to even touch His shoelace. Now that is somebody that has begun to perceive. And here is what he says, "He is from above, I am from beneath." He reckoned that. This wasn't a "oh, I'm a wicked person." That is not what he is talking about at all. It is not "oh, I am just a yukky person and I need to live some sort of existence." No, no,no,no. There is this recognition that we all are from beneath, but then on death and burial and resurrection of Christ there is a new creation, and that new creation is His bride which is you, and me, the church, the body of Christ. One with Him, bone of His bone, substance of His substance. If any man be in Christ he is a new species, not of the old. So this is Paul saying, "man, there is an upward call here that we....." Can you see that, can you kind of see that. He is going, "oh, an upward call." Not just a job to do. "We got a job to do in the earth." There is but there is an upward call all at the same time. He did his job in the earth. But he didn't make his supreme goal the earth. He made his supreme goal, not just to live in heaven, but to be this Jerusalem that is from above. Have you seen the bride of the Lamb? Have you seen the bride of the Lamb, is what they said in heaven to John. Have you seen her? And he looked and saw what? The new Jerusalem which is from above. That which is not of the earth but manifest in the earth. Well, we will never meet that call unless we are the bride, we are in union, we know the one that we are, we know who we are, we know where we are from. "In so doing I conform to Him, I know His power outflowing in resurrection." His seed in us, His resurrection. Also in verse ten, "that while I am transformed in spirit", transformed in spirit. So the goal is not to believe certain things and just be us. Can anybody agree with that? The goal is not just to believe some things and then be us. It would be to be transformed in spirit. And the spirit that we are being transformed in is this One who loves us. "Who loved us and gave Himself for us." Instead of going, "Jesus, the creator of the universe died for me and I owe Him my life." It's "my husband died for me, and now gives me His life." Instead of me giving me

His life, He gives me His life. And it is not a duty thing, involved in that, there is not a yukky demanding or expectation behind that because, you see, that expectation thing would quench the spirit of the bride. It would quench the spirit of the husband and the bride. Think about that, just think about that. Start putting on expectations it quenches the real spirit of relationship. Doesn't it? Just think about it. It just does. So, it says this, "eye hath heard", it has never seen, "ear hath not heard, neither has it (???????) the things that God has prepared for those who love Him. Well we have heard about heaven. We have heard about streets of gold and gates of pearl. This is not talking about heaven. This is talking about the things that He has prepared for those who love Him. This is talking about this love relationship. This is talking about this union. The things that have been prepared have been His life, His nature, His fullness, His Lamb, His completion, His acceptance, His on and on and on. And the ear has not heard those things. Even if you say, "well I have heard it in sermons all my life." You have not heard it, you have not heard it if you still are seeking acceptance through any other means than believing that you are accepted. It is true. And God know that we have been guilty at one time or another of that. And so what would be the result then? What would be the desire of (?aim?), at that point the desire of (?aim?) would be to step out of every other thing in the past that has been my motivation, and forget it. And press toward this goal. And I will get into that in a minute, but that's on down....jumping ahead. "Transformed in spirit into His likeness" that is directly out of the scriptures there. "Transformed in spirit into His likeness. What suffering I go through, I'll do so in His spirit, even unto His death in the bringing forth of that Lamb spirit in the earth, Iam His bride, Iam the place that He can manifest. We are, the church. The church is the only place that He can manifest who He really is. That is the only way the world is going to know who He is. (?????) else because we are going to be a witness to them. Yes, but no. I don't think there are any more than there were in the beginning except we are a bunch of knuckle heads and we go about witnessing (?????????) But when we are manifesters of Him, that is a big difference. A

witness can be out here on the corner and they can see an accident and they can be an eye witness. But they cannot manifest you. They cannot manifest you. Your body can manifest you but they cannot manifest you. They can tell about you but they cannot manifest you. We are in union with Jesus, we are not just tellers. We are not just seers. However wonderful it is to be a seer and a prophet, we are not just seers, we are manifesters of His life. We are His bride, we are one with Him. We are joined to Him and only we the church can demonstrate His spirit, even in His death. And he is talking about His death, His resurrection. We are always talking about our death and our resurrection. But His death was my death, Ruth said. "Where you go, I go, where you live, I live, your people, my people, your death, my death." That is the cross, that's the Lord. That is total identification. "Your death, that is my death, your people, my people." Where you live, I live. That is total identification in the Lord. Where does he live? In heavenly places. Where do we live? Seated together with Him in heavenly places. That is where we live. Paul says, see here is a son of God, "In Him we live and move and have our being." Well what the heck are you talking about. Well, I don't know how to explain it to you. But I live where He lives because I died where He died. And it goes on in Ruth were I'm saying were you buried, I am buried. And that is what happened to us. We identify in this death, burial, and resurrection. So much so that whatever sufferings I go through I do so in His spirit. Even in His death, in the manifestation of His death or His spirit in which He gave himself, the just for the unjust. That spirit is not going to be seen anywhere else. Nobody else but Him through her is going to ever show that in the earth. It will never be identified, it can't be. As I said, somebody else cannot manifest you. Nobody else but Him can manifest Him. Nobody else will ever do this job. This glorious....and you know what, who gets the most glory out of that is the Lord Himself. He sees.....as having the same spirit, Jesus hanging on the cross, his persecutors mocking Him, spitting in His face, laughing at Him. Saying, if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross. Well, He knows He is the Son of God, (?????) within that same body there is a lamb spirit that is

giving itself for them, "Father, forgive them they don't know what they are doing." But also resident within that same frame is almighty God and all power to be able to just blow them away, instantly for their insolence. (???????) We would, everybody on the planet would, but the bride, the church, the body of Christ (???). Because, she knows...Paul said this, "I know whom I have believed." "I know what I believe," is usually what we say. "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." It is all a relationship, it is all union, it is all love, it is all oneness. We go "oh Lord", and he goes "I know whom I have believed" or "I know that He is able to keep me and all that I have committed to Him." That commitment for Paul was a covenant. Well, we only have a couple of different covenants in this earth, we have a business covenant, we have a marriage covenant. And the new covenant is a marriage covenant. Forgetting those things which are behind, I press in to the upward call. So he says, "this is the purpose for which He has laid hold of me." Verse 12. "Not that I have attained this ideal or am already perfect but I press on", and here is what he is pressing on to get, "to lay hold of, to grasp and make my own that which is the thing why He laid hold of me, or embraced me." He did not lay hold and go "hey" like a cop grabbing a crook. He laid hold of you....how does that say it again...."press on to lay hold of and grasp and make my own that for which Christ has laid hold of me and made me His own. Laid hold of you and made you His own. Look at Song of Solomon, "His left hand is under my head where my face can meet His face, His right hand embraces me." Again, it's not a cop....it is an embrace. Paul says "my determined purpose is that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him." "And He laid hold of me." It did not change the subject. This is the one who laid hold of him, whose embraced him. That has taken him into his own bosom. That has drawn him and placed him in Christ, in Himself, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh. Me, you are now me, that is what Adam said to Eve. Eve, you are me, that is who you are. Who am I, where did I come from (???). You are me, you came right out of here, this is who you are. You are

nothing else. Forget the past. In her case she didn't have one, we do. Forget the.....that is what he says. Forget everything you knew before you entered into this union, lay hold of this upward call, lay hold of this heavenly bride, lay hold of this New Jerusalem. This goal has not been fully reached in my life. "This goal", he say's "has not been fully reached in my life, so I forget everything that in the past deterred me from this aspiration and I strain forward to this goal." And these are really the words that he used right here, aspiration. "But one thing I do, it is my one aspiration, I forget every other goal I ever had, I forget every other goal, every other purpose." See, I always thought that related to sin and bad stuff.

What lies ahead? Well, we got this thought, we got that thought. We have got all these thoughts of what lies ahead. Here is what Paul say's "I'm striving forward to what lies ahead, the goal to win the supreme and heavenly prize to which God in Christ is calling us upward". Now that is what lies ahead for him. I mean, didn't I just contrast the carnal mind? Ya know. "Here is what lies ahead for me, oh I'll tell you what lies ahead." Paul goes "I'll tell you what lies ahead for me, the call of God in Christ, the call that God has, not in the earth, not in ministry, the call of God that He has in Christ, the upward call, the prize, the treasure, the pearl of great price, the thing for which he bought the whole field so he could have that, that's it, that is what I am looking forward to, that is what lies ahead for me." You want to know what lies ahead for me? Conformed to the image of the bride, of Christ as the bride. To be found in Him. And I wrote that because that is verse nine, we never read that, but it does say that. "To know Him, that I may be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law but that which is of faith." So I wrote, "what lies ahead for me is the supreme goal of being found in Him as Him, as a heavenly Jerusalem. It is a call upward and out of single existence with a personal righteousness. Not having my own righteousness, which is of the law. The law was given so that each man would be accountable as a single individual. The life was given that we might all be one. By the first man death came, sin came and death by all, but by the new

man, the second man, by the righteousness of one man, by the sin of one man all where made sinners but by the righteousness of one man all where made blameless. If this is now not a single identity now it is the bride of Christ, the church. So I will read this one more time. "What lies ahead for me is the supreme goal of being found in Him as Him, not that I am Christ but I am joined to Him, one with Him functioning together with Him. Found in Christ as Him. As a heavenly Jerusalem. It is a call upward and out, it is a call upward and out of a single existence. Upward and out of a single existence with a personal righteousness. That I may know Him not having mine own righteousness which is of the law but the righteousness which is of faith.

Alright, verse 15 "So let those of us who are spiritually mature and full grown have this mind and hold these convictions;. He is saying if you are spiritual and your spiritually mature let those who claim spiritual maturity have this mind, this goal and hold the same convictions. Ya know I don't know if you remember where all this came from, all this search. It came from Ireland walking up a mountain with Malcom. Malcom, I was sharing with him about the cross and he was sharing with me about revival, and he said to me "well everybody has there own emphasis". And I went to the Lord and I said "God, do I just have another emphasis than everybody else?". And he took me here to Paul and said "My determined perpose is this", He said "this an't no emphasis, revival is in the earth, emphasis, having a good family is in the earth, emphasis, reaching the lost in the earth, emphasis. He said, "this is not an emphasis, this is the determined perpose and heavenly goal, it should be everybodys goal". And Paul say's "you that claim to be spiritually mature and fully grown, you need to have the same convictions I do." That is what he said. I'll read it here. "So let those of us who are spiritually mature and full grown have this mind and hold these convictions." That's not an emphasis. It is the determined perpose in God's heart and the one He wants everyone of us to have. "Let those who claim spiritual maturity have this mind, this goal and have the same convictions. If your

mind is on some other goal, God will make that clear to you. That is what he said here. And if in any respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also. Only let us hold true, let us hold true, and order our lives, walk after this. This is powerful if you really think about it. I realize that people can say, "well, this has always been your thing Randy, to love Jesus, and the cross and stuff, and this is your little thing." If it is than I sure know how to twist the scriptures and make them say stuff. I mean, this is the apostle Paul. Good grief. God choose this man to write most of the New Testament. He is pouring his heart out saying, "every one of you that claim any kind of spiritual maturity, you need to hold this kind of conviction to and you need to order your whole life after this." Now that is pretty powerful. That is pretty powerful. But hold true to what you have attained toward this goal and order your lives after. Verse 17, "brethren, together follow my example and observe those who live after the pattern that we have set before you." So he says, follow my example of having this as the supreme goal and notice all those who live after this pattern, take note of them. Look around and find those who have this as there goal. And follow there pattern. It's pretty neat how he just keeps on saying that. Brethren together follow my example in making this the goal. And I want you to observe everybody else that has this as there supreme goal. Use them as a pattern for your life. Use them as a pattern for your life. And then verse 18, "for there are many of whom I have often told you and now tell you with tears, who walk (live) as enemies of the cross of Christ. Paul said follow my example of having this as the supreme goal. Do it, for there are many who live contrary to this. He says, "follow my example and observe those who have this as there goal. Do it, for there are many who live contrary to this. Though it may seem (???) they are enemies of the cross that separate you, they are enemies of the cross. The cross that separates you from everything else unto Him alone. The cross separates you from everything else unto Him alone. And there enemies of that. Who have other goals, have other plans. (?????????????????) Paul just says, the cross is not your enemy, and you should not be an enemy of it. The cross is

your friend. The cross will take all of that earthly stuff out of you and make you a heavenly bride. If you don't want that I guess you would be (???). But if the supreme goal of your heart is to become more intimately and deeply acquainted with Him who is from above. Who will reign and be, forever, from that place. Then the cross becomes your best friend. Because it crucifies it, it circumcises the earth, the flesh of the earth. It cuts away that and liberates you to His heart. The circumcised heart. He has a circumcised heart in the sense that it is not out of the earth. It is the flesh that is cut away at the cross. So that is my whole deal. I was just, I was blessed by the Lord sharing this with me. Because I did, I don't take any words from any christian lightly. And when that was said to me, I said "My god, am I just another emphasis in the earth, am I just one emphasis among a thousand." And if I am, where is my place in all this? Am I just called to just hold this whole emphasis up? Is that really my calling. And I spent from that time to this time searching. Not with a predetermined mind that I believe that it is not. No sir. With an open mind saying "God am I just another emphasis. Am I just bringing forth another emphasis. Only to have the Lord show me Paul's heart and show me that there is from the very begging a marriage. The first story was a marriage and in the end, in our story, the actuality of it. The realization. The bride has come by the spirit, has come into agreement with the spirit. Not with her own mind of what she can get out of a husband, what she can get out of a groom, why she would want Him to come for her sake. For her house, for her children, for her this and that. No no no. She has left the earth and has come into agreement with the Spirit. And now the Spirit and the bride are in total agreement with the coming of the Lord. With the revealing of the Lord as He is, as groom, as husband, as Lamb nature. Forever, forever, forever. That is the last story, if you want to look at it like that. That is the last story we have. And then, just eternity. So, if that is an emphasis it is going to last a long time. I guess I just need to go ahead and say this. You know once we slip off into eternity with the groom. The bride and the groom slip off together, you know like a husband and wife. They have the marriage

supper and then they go get in the car and drive off. Once they slip off like that, wherever they go there is not going to be any revival. That emphasis is not even going to be around. There is not going to be any casting out demons. That emphasis is not going to be around. There is not going to be any dealing. That emphasis is not going to be around. There is not going to be any church establishing, that emphasis will not be around. There is not going to be any soul winning. That emphasis is not going to be around. We can just start knocking them down. There is not going to be all those emphasis. There is only going to be only one emphasis in her heart and that is Him. There is only going to be one emphasis in His heart and that is her. Glory to God.