

Where's Your Chair?

Philippians 3 12-21



The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.
My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
Psalm 16:4-5

Praising:

Run the straight race through
God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his
face;
life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way, and Christ the
prize.

Reading:

Philippians 3:12-21
The goal

Paul uses the language of the Greek games to describe a universal spiritual experience. To meet with Christ in this life is to know in that instant such an intensity of truth and love that we can never be the same again. Yet in itself, that knowledge is also supremely tantalizing. It leaves people with a clear sense that while they may have touched the truth and love of God, while they

may even have held it very briefly, there is more of that truth and love still to discover. For Paul that serves as proof that this side of the grave, no one should ever consider themselves to be a finished spiritual product. As far as we are in terms of our journey into God, there is farther still to go. Everyone in Christ is a work in progress.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord grant us perseverance

- when the way seems long, hard and uphill, when the obstacles seem impossible
- when it feels like there is no one to support us and encourage us to press on
- when we lose sight of the goal and giving-up would be so much easier

Father: grant me in Christ that foretaste of heaven and sample of eternity which became Paul's reason for being, and which left him wanting more, right to the end. Amen

Doing: