***Yielded To A Necessary New Year***

**Philippians 3:10-14 - 12/30/18**

*How does God want me to be yielded to Him and His perspectives, in 2019?*

**Philippians 3:10+11**

1) By Knowing His Resurrection Power, Along With His Sufferings And Death

In order for us to become more like Jesus, we need to go through some things.

Oftentimes we confuse the sanctification *process*, with the justification duration. \***Philippians 3:10+11**

This is to be foundational +fundamental to the Christian experience.

As followers of Jesus we're to abide in Him, as we look to His grace and mercy to be able to flesh these things out.

We *need* His resurrection power!

Many don't walk in the power of His resurrection.

Many Christians feel fatigued emotionally +spiritually because we've focused primarily on activity for Christ, rather than abiding in Christ.

The goal isn't to change your schedule, but your focus.

Christ's *first* concern isn't activity, but abiding. Both are important.

**Philippians 3:12**

2) By Pressing-on *In* Jesus **\*Vs.12**

We press-on in Jesus by pressing-*in* to Him, through investing time in our relationship with Him.

This relationship begins with repentance and faith, which are both works of grace.

We also press-in to Jesus through our obedience.

**Revelation 3:19-21**

Pressing-in to Jesus through our relationship and obedience causes us to then press-on with Him in life.

**Philippians 3:13+14**

3) By Forgetting The Past, & Progressing Toward *His* Future For You

Pressing-on toward "the upward call of God in Christ Jesus", is about an intense endeavor.

"*A person doesn't become a winning athlete by listening to lectures, watching others, reading books or cheering at the games*. *They become a winning athlete by getting into the game and determining to win!" -* Warren Wiersbe

This upward call of God is about passion, determination and effort - because He's worth it!

A Christian with a spiritual mind (as "we have the mind of Christ"), realizes that God must work in us if we're going to win the race.

There are two extremes to avoid here... *'I must do it all'*, and, *'God must do it all'*. There is a balance.

Forgetting the past, may we progress toward *His* future for us.

In 2019, God help us to be yielded to Him and to *His* perspectives.