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### About the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings...3:10-11

What were the things Paul wanted in his life? 3:10; IJn.2:3, 3:24, 4:26

**To know Christ, power of His resurrection. And the sharing of His sufferings, even death.**

And in the end, what was Paul's goal? 3:11; Rom.6:5, 8:10-11

**It was to somehow attain to the resurrection (physically) from the dead. Active faith!**

Is this some kind of 'salvation by works' doctrine? Eph.2:8-9, 1:17-23

**Never! It is Paul's heart crying out to be one with Christ. Share suffering and victory!**

### But what happens when I fail? 3:12-16

Did Paul claim to be perfect in his living? sinless? 3:12a, 13a see Rom.7:14-25

**Of course not. "I have not already obtained all this, or been made perfect". Rom.7:14-25.**

So did he let his failures defeat him? 3:12b *Paul's practical application to life!!*

**Absolutely not! He strained ahead, pressed on, to take hold of what Christ had for him.**

How does Paul sum up his view of these things? 3:13-14; 2:12

**Brothers! My one focus is to forget what's done and press on toward the goal, to win/prize.**

What message is here for the believer who's 'done something unforgivable'? IJn.1:9; IITim.4:7

**Confess it, then do what the Lord does. Forget it! Get moving again! You're forgiven!!**

What message is here for the one who's saved and 'coasting' through life? Eph.5:16

**Confess it, and get back in the game! Redeem the days for the time is short!**

And indeed, what is his admonition? 3:15a; ICor.14:20

**For the mature believer, you should be taking this same view! It's too soon to quit!**

What part of Paul's 'application to life' is most relevant to you? Why?

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For those who are not yet matured to this state, what's his admonition? 3:15b-16; James 1:5

**If you're willing, God will make this view clear. No backsliding! Live to where you are!**

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