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Attain
Philippians 3:10-21

ATTAIN TO: Arrive at, reach, gain by effort, accomplish, to comprehend, lay hold of, personal accomplishment- Gen 17:1 — achieve, acquire, procure, realize, secure, win, attainment.

Heb 11:6 — He rewards only those who first of all have the faith to please Him, and to seek Him diligently. Paul used every means possible to achieve the goal — Phil 3:14 — which is the first resurrection as Rev 20:4-6; 3:5,21. Phil 3:13 says Paul had not apprehended or laid hold of it yet. But he presses on toward the goal. Vs 16 — We take the land by degrees — to the degree that we have already attained Col 1:10.

We have attained to a certain level of maturity, James 1:12, but as Paul said in 2 Tim 4:8, he was confident that he would attain to the first resurrection at the end of his life; but not in Phil 3:13.

2 Cor 5:9 — This was Paul's aim in order to accomplish the goal of his endeavor, to attain to Him (Phil 3:10). Paul was confident enough to say what His goal was — 2 Cor 5:8. This is what Paul wanted to live up to; or he would be well pleased rather to be absent from his body and to be present with the Lord — without any time lapse, period of discipline, etc. Rev 3:4 — He wanted to be counted worthy of Him, to walk with Him without a stained garment which would make that walk impossible... but only with a white, unstained garment — 1 Jn 2:28; 4:17; Heb 10:38; 2 Cor 5:10. Luke 21:36. Counted worthy — Phil 3:13; Rom 4:3. It's one thing to be counted righteous by the faith we receive by hearing the word — Eph 1:13 — but we must also be counted worthy of Him by the works we do in the Body — Eph 2:8-10; Rev 19: 7,8; Col 1:10; Rev 3:21 — doing these works in fellowship with Him in order to bear much fruit — Jn 15:5-8; 1 Pet 4:11.

Phil 3:15,16 is our daily walk throughout our life in the Body. We must be progressing, not waiting until our last few minutes to call the priest to repent and be forgiven. That is not what

Col 1:10 or Phil 3:10-16 are talking about. Last rites don't amount to a hill of beans as far as being counted worthy of the Kingdom. This means a life of following Him. Phil 3:14-16 speak of a walk... a life time — verses 17,18,20,21. Phil 3:20 is eagerly awaiting, is being with confidence through out your life on earth in the Body — 2 Cor 5:10.