

# The Miracle of Salvation

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Philippians 3:12-14.

B. Paul's conversion brought about a new assessment of his goals.

C. Spiritual progress is the imperative that every Christian must follow.

## II. Three essentials for winning the race.

### A. Dissatisfaction.

1. This is an awareness to improve the present condition.

2. Satisfaction is a dangerous place to be.

3. Comparing ourselves can be dangerous.

a. We are not to compare ourselves to others.

b. We are to compare ourselves to Christ and ourselves.

4. We are to pursue that which pursued us—Christ.

5. God saves us to make us like His Son. (Romans 8, II Thessalonians 2:13)

### B. Devotion.

1. The secret of life is to concentrate on one thing.

2. Concentration is the secret of power.

3. We cannot live on past victories.

4. God is interested in what we are doing now and where we are going in the future.

### C. Determination.

1. There is a lack of excellence and commitment in the church.

2. Two extremes: I must do it all or God must do it all.

## Application questions:

1. Why can dissatisfaction be a good thing?

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2. How would you respond to someone who says he is content living out the rest of his life as he is since Christ has already saved him?

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3. How would you assess your own determination? What practical thing can you do this week that will help you grow in this area?

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