

***“Surprised by Joy”—An Exposition of the Book of Philippians***  
**Session Fourteen: Philippians 3:12-16**  
**April 24, 2024**

Introduction:

- Title of Class—C.S. Lewis’ book title
- Circumstances/Purpose of the Apostle
  - “imprisonment”
  - “joy,” “rejoice”
- Last time: 3:3-11 “*Getting the Gospel Right*”
- **Text for Tonight: 3:12-16 “A Portrait of Spiritual Maturity”**

I. Maturity is Described as an \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_

a. Key word: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Greek \_\_\_\_\_

i. Same word as in 2:2,3,5

ii. Means mind as it relates to the will and the affections

II. Maturity is Seen in a \_\_\_\_\_ Mindset

a. “but \_\_\_\_\_ I do...”

- Luke 10:38-42

b. “toward the \_\_\_\_\_ ...”

c. “for the \_\_\_\_\_”

d. “of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ Jesus”

e. A Focus that \_\_\_\_\_ the past and “reaches \_\_\_\_\_”

f. What precisely is the Mind set on? \_\_\_\_\_ v.10

- *This is the mature believer's purpose in life*

III. Maturity is Demonstrated in an \_\_\_\_\_ Mindset

a. Key Word: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 times—vv.12,14)

- c.f 3:6

b. Key Word: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 times—vv.12,13)

c. Key Word: \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13)

- Emphasis on energetic movement
- With clear purpose

IV. Maturity is Evidenced in a \_\_\_\_\_ Mindset

a. An \_\_\_\_\_ statement v.13

i. “I myself do not regard myself as having laid hold of it”

ii. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind

b. Paul's Example