

SERMON SERIES

# SACRIFICE



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- **Old Testament**
  - An act of offering something as a means of atonement, worship, or thanksgiving
- **New Testament**
  - Christ is the perfect sacrifice
  - Paul describes himself as being poured out like a drink offering



# MY PURSUIT



A large, empty stadium with rows of seats under a bright, cloudy sky. The text "PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14" is centered in the middle of the image.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

# A FIRM DECISION

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8



**Paul made a decision to  
pursue Christ because of the  
encounter he had with Christ**



## ***“I now consider”***

- To think, regard
- The perfect tense suggests a considered evaluation with present effects

## ***“I consider everything”***

- A perfect tense used
- Implies a final decision after considering matters with deliberate judgement

## ***“Knowing Christ”***

- A personal response of faith and obedience to a revelation of God



**Paul's sacrifice was a decision  
to abandon everything in his  
pursuit of Christ.**



**To pursue Christ is a  
decision in response to a  
revelation of who Christ is  
and what He has done.**



# A FEARLESS DESIRE

PHILIPPIANS 3:9-11



## ***“be found in him”***

- To be in union with Christ
- Means to be clothed with God’s righteousness

# ***“I want to know Christ”***

- A verb meaning to have known, to understand, to come to know
- Conveys a sense of intimacy

**Paul expressed his desire to be  
found in Christ and to know Him**



**To pursue Christ is a desire to draw closer in intimacy with Christ and to be transformed to be more like Christ.**



# A FOCUSED DRIVE

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14





## *“press on to **take hold**”*

- Means to seize, win, attain, as a runner in a race might run to win a prize
- Can also mean to grasp an idea with one’s mind

**Paul pursued Christ with  
a focused drive like a runner**





**To pursue Christ is a focused drive  
to become like Christ and not to be  
distracted or derailed.**

