

# The DNA of a Maturing Christian: Eternity Focused

*Philippians 3:13-15*

*<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;*

We can see that Paul was future focused. His outlook on life went far beyond tomorrow or next year. It viewed eternity. His eternal view changed the way he lived each day as he moved toward God's goals. Jesus helped him see life differently.

1. Jesus helps us focus on a different future.

Jesus is eternal.

John 1:1, 14, 8:58, 17:5, Revelation 1:8

Jesus secures our salvation.

John 10:18, 27-28, 19:30, 1 John 5:13

Jesus provides an eternal home.

John 14:1-3, 17:24

2. Jesus helps us realize that there is an upward call.

John 8:28, Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:9-12

3. Jesus helps us change our thinking.

Jeremiah 12:3, Philippians 2:5, Titus 3:5-7

4. An eternity focused life produces

A. Less stress

Matthew 11:29-30

B. Urgency about what is most important

Matthew 16:26, Luke 16:27-28

C. Purpose

Hebrews 3:1, Ephesians 2:10

D. Unity

John 17:22-23