

The Upward Call

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 **I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** Phil 3:12-14*

The Upward Call (431)

- Lord thy love at last has conquered
- None of Self and all of Thee
- Brought me lower while I whispered
- Less of self and more of Thee
- My wistful heart said faintly
- Some of self and some of Thee
- I Proudly Said to Jesus
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The Degree we Attained

- *Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. 17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. Phil. 3: 15-17*
- Our maturity (perfection) is seen here.

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Those Who So Walk

- Peter 2Pet. 1:3-11
- Joshua Josh. 1:8
- Jesus Jn. 13:3-18
- Abraham Romans 4
- Moses Heb. 11:24-29
- Timothy 1Tim. 4:15-16
- Godly men and women in church

All of self and none of Thee

- *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. Rom 6:20-22*
- Servants of sin
- What fruit?
- Things of which you are now ashamed.
- The end of those things is death.

All of self and none of Thee

- Eph 2:1-3
- you were dead in your trespasses
- All formerly lived in lusts of our flesh
- Indulging desires of flesh and mind
- by nature children of wrath.

All of self and none of Thee

- Eph 4:17-19
- no longer as Gentiles walk in futility of their mind
- darkened in their understanding,
 - because of ignorance in them,
 - because of hardness of their heart;
- Still here or have we left this behind?

Some of self and some of Thee

- 1 Pet 2:2
- *as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation;*
- Eph 4:22-24
- *put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,*
- *be renewed in the spirit of your mind,*
- *put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

Some of self and some of Thee

- 1 Cor 3:1-3
- *could not speak to you as to spiritual*
- *but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.*
- *fed you with milk, not meat; for you were not yet able (to bear it): no, not even now are you able;*
- *you are yet carnal:*
- Gal 5:19-23
- *Lusts of the Flesh/Fruit of the Spirit*

Some of self and some of Thee

- Heb 5:12-14
- *by reason of time ought to be teachers you have need someone teach you rudiments.*
- *have need of milk, not of solid food.*
- *who partake of milk without experience of the word is a babe.*
- *But solid food is for full grown men,*
- *Those by reason of use have senses exercised to discern good and evil.*

Less of self and more of Thee

- Phil 3:12-19

- *not already obtained, or made perfect.*

- *press on to lay hold of what Jesus laid hold of me*

- *not yet laid hold: one thing: forget what lies behind, stretch forward to what lies ahead.*

- *press toward the prize of the upward call.*

Less of self and more of Thee

- Phil 3:12-19

- *As many as are mature thus minded:*
- *otherwise minded, God will reveal to you*
- *whereunto we have attained, let us walk.*
- *Be imitators of me*
- *mark those who so walk*
- *as you have us for an ensample.*

None of Self and all of Thee

- Gal 2:20
- *I have been crucified with Christ;*
- *no longer I that live,*
- *but Christ living in me:*
- *life I now live in the flesh I live in faith,*
- *in the Son of God, who loved me,*
- *and gave himself up for me.*
- **Goal we stretch for but can never truly reach**

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None of Self and All of Thee

- **Phil 1:21-24**
- **To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**
- **But to live in the flesh shall bring fruit from my work, what I shall choose I don't know**
- **I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ;**
- **24 yet to abide in the flesh is more needful for your sake.**