

**“This One Thing”**  
**Philippians 3:7-16**  
**Sermon Series: “Joy Invincible”**

**Introduction:** The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. We’ve all heard that, but we know how easy it is to get distracted.

Ways that we get spiritually distracted: busyness, ministry, worldly things, coldness, trials (like Covid recently), sin, not spending time with the Lord

What is the “main thing” in the Christian life? Really, it’s not just the main thing, but THE thing, the one thing, the bullseye.

**Main Idea:** The “one thing” for a Christian is the pursuit of becoming more like Jesus.

**Romans 8:29**

**How can we make progress in this pursuit of becoming more like Jesus?**

Philippians 2:12-13 (analogy of what it takes for an athlete to succeed)

- 1. We can make progress by understanding how Jesus works in us (v. 7-11).** We have a personal relationship with Him, which means:
  - A. We are in union with Jesus (v. 9).**
  - B. We are justified by Jesus (v. 9).**
  - C. We are experiencing the resurrection power of Jesus (v. 10).**
- 2. We can make progress by being dissatisfied with our current spiritual state (v. 12-13).**
- 3. We can make progress by being passionately devoted to the pursuit of knowing and being like Jesus (v. 12-14).**
- 4. We can make progress by being focused on moving forward and leaving behind what is in the past (v. 13).**
- 5. We can make progress by accepting our corporate responsibility to pursue Christlikeness together (v. 15-16).**

**Conclusion:** Do you know Jesus? Are you going to make becoming like Jesus the “one thing” in your life if you are a Christian?