

# Do You Need to Grow Spiritually? (Part 2)

Philippians 3:12-14

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*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. (3:8a)*

*Christ Jesus has made me his own. (v.12b)*

2. He was not perfect.

*Not that I have already obtained this or  
am already perfect (v.12)*

*For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Rom.8:29a).*

*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (Phil.1:9-11)*

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*it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.(Phil. 2:13)*

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*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

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*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. (2 Cor.5:10)*

*. . . the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. (2 Tim.3:6b-8)*

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil.1:6)*

*But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*