

# Notes

## "Just One Thing" (Philippians 3:-14)

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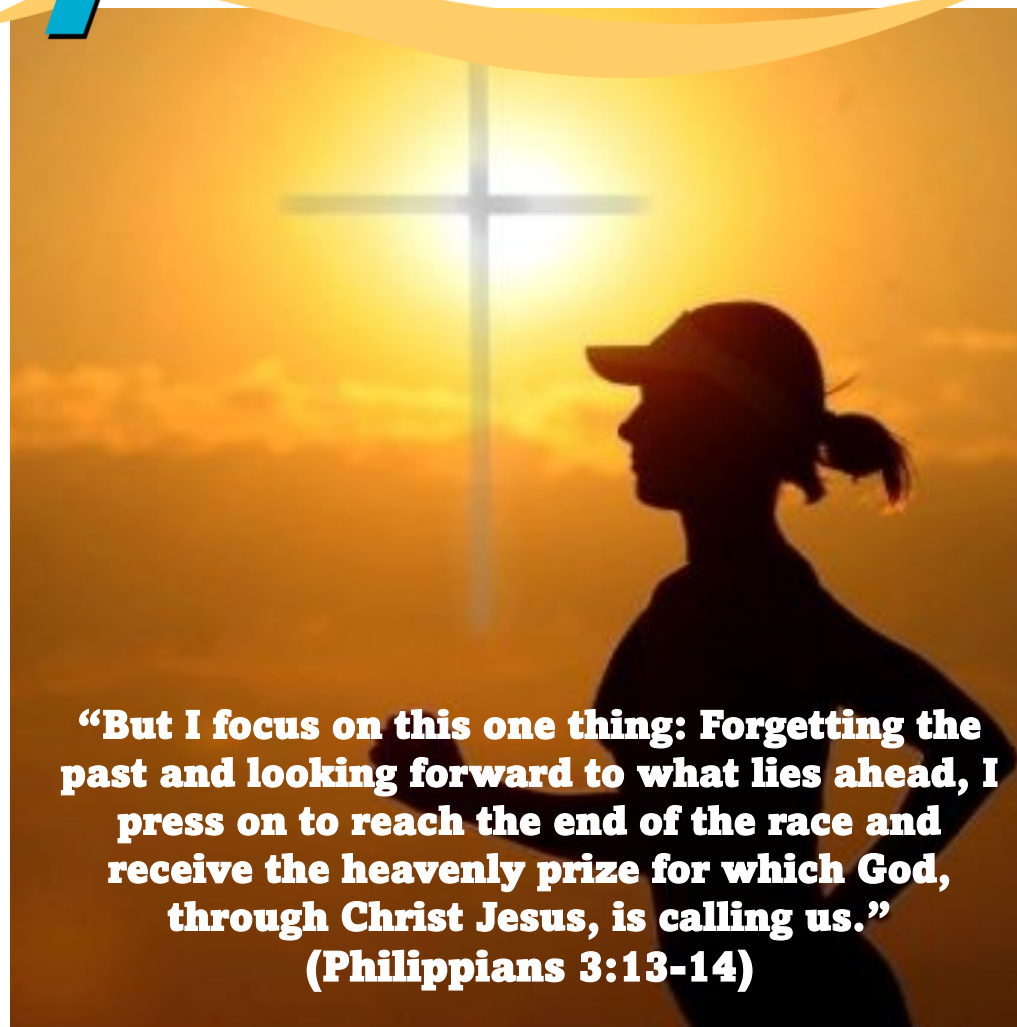
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## ***Coolum Beach Baptist Church***

'To know Christ and make Him known'



**“But I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.”  
(Philippians 3:13-14)**

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April

9AM Pastor John

# “Just One Thing” (Philippians 3:7-14)

## Thought for the Week

### ARE YOU TRUSTING IN POO?

(Given that it's my last time for sharing my 'thought for the week' with you, I wanted to make it a memorable title.)

Our world tells us that when we work hard, we get the right things. If we want to get a good education, we have to study hard. If you want to buy stuff, save hard. If you want to get ahead in your career, work hard. If you want to have a winning season, train hard. You get the idea! So, does the same thinking apply to our spiritual life? Can we just work hard to get right with God? The apostle Paul was an example of someone who worked hard to be right with God. His credentials and achievements listed in Philippians 3:5-6 were very impressive – at least according to the standards of his community. He was born into the right tribe of people, was circumcised on the right day, knew and taught all the right things, did all the right things and was very passionate about dealing with anyone who threatened his religion. But what does Paul say about all these things? "I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage." (Philippians 3:7-8). Other translations use words like dog dung, rubbish, refuse, worthless, sewer trash etc. Those are strong words!

Paul is saying that everything he did to try and be right with God was like poo in comparison to what Christ has done for him. His good works weren't going to get him anywhere with God, because it's not about what you do, but who you trust in. So then, how was Paul right with God? He goes on to tell us in verses 8 and 9 that the only way He was able to enjoy a right relationship with God was through faith in Christ. His hard work didn't earn it – God's amazing grace gave it to him. It's the same for us. We can't do anything to make ourselves right with God. Christ was the one who died and took away our sin. Christ was the one who rose from the dead. It's because of Jesus that we can be right with God. We therefore need to carefully examine ourselves. Are we trusting in the things we do for God to make us right with him, or the things God did for us to make us right with him? The only way we are right with God is by putting our faith in Jesus. If you haven't put your faith in God, then I encourage you to do it today. Don't put it off. If you have put your faith in Christ, then rejoice for there is now nothing that can separate you from God's love and promises (Romans 8). God bless, Pastor John.

## What's on?

MONDAY  
5PM Walking Soccer

THURSDAY  
9AM Quilters



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Beth Pfeffer on 0449 584 476

### BIRTHDAYS:

9th – Janice, Emily G, Meryl  
10th – Lorraine P  
12th – Kaden, Gary, Heidi  
13th – Ben



### JOHN AND SHAUNA'S LAST DAY

After 12 years, John and Shauna are finishing their ministry here at CBBC. On Monday they will be travelling up to Ayr for their oldest son's wedding on the 13th April. They will then return to Coolum on the 16th April before heading out to Biloela, where they will commence their new ministry on Sunday 21st April. Please pray for John and Shauna during these busy, exciting and emotional next few weeks.

### SOS ARE GOING GOLFING

The next exciting adventure for our Seniors Outing Somewhere is a mini-golf day at Noosa Mini Golf on Thursday 18th April. It starts at 10am and cost is \$15. Lunch at the Tewantin Marina (buy your own) afterwards. There are flyers in the foyer if you are needing more information. If you are going, please make sure you put your name on the form in the foyer, and pay your money to Anneli.

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