

**Review**

1. Not that we have attained or apprehended
2. We press on
3. To the goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ

**Mature thinking**

**1. The mindset of the mature**

“Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind;” (Phil 3:15)

- a. ουν... ουν... therefore... inferential particle
  - i. Making reference to all that had been stated in Phil 3
  - ii. Logical conclusion
- b. οσοι... hosos... as (much, great, long, etc.) as... correlative pronoun
- c. τελειοι... teleios... complete, perfect, mature
- d. φρονωμεν... phroneo... mind, thinking
  - i. The challenge to have this mind
  - ii. Paul addressed those who were mature in their faith
  - iii. In being mature in faith, they should have this mind

**2. Those who are thinking otherwise**

“and if in anything you think otherwise,” (Phil 3:15)

- a. They are not as mature
- b. ει... if... conditional sentence
- c. ετερως... heteros... another but of a different kind of thinking... otherwise
- d. φρονειτε... phroneo...to think, exercise the mind
  - i. If we are thinking differently... then we are not as mature
  - ii. It takes maturity to think in the same way

### **3. God will reveal**

“God will reveal even this to you.” (Phil 3:15)

a. Even if we think otherwise... differently, God will still reveal this mind to us

b. αποκαλυψει... apokalupto... to reveal, to uncover

c. It is God who will reveal

d. Cf. Peter... (Matt 16:17)

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

i. Not flesh and blood

ii. God reveal things to us (Eph 1)

e. God will reveal this thinking to us

### **The challenge to have the same mindset**

#### **1. The state of faith that we have attained**

“Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained,” (Phil 3:16)

a. εφθασαμεν... pthano... already attained, arrived at beforehand... aorist active indicative

b. Notwithstanding what had been written about those who are or not thinking maturely

c. To whatever point or degree we have attained

#### **2. The challenge to walk by the same rule**

“let us walk by the same rule,” (Phil 3:16)

a. στοιχειν... stoicheo... to walk

b. κανονι... kanon... rule, standard

c. The challenge is given to walk by the same rule

#### **3. The challenge to be of the same mind**

“let us be of the same mind.” (Phil 3:16)

a. φρονειν... phroneo... exercise the mind, to think

b. The challenge is given to have the same thinking