



that I may attain to the
Resurrection

Philippians 3:10-11

That I may know Him

- **Not just more intellectual knowledge or facts about Christ**
 - *“a relation between the person knowing and the object known... what is known is of value or importance... hence the establishment of a relationship.”* [Vine’s]
- **Relationships are nurtured through time spent together**
 - Spend time with Him by reading the Gospels
- **Put what we know into practice**
 - Take “Christlikeness” from a concept to personal experience

“This is to think as He thought, to love as He loved, and to serve as He served.”

– Walton Weaver

That I may know the power of His resurrection

- **The power available to us through the resurrected Lord**
- **His exceedingly great power toward us – Eph. 1:18-20**
 - ***Power*** – Inherently capable
 - ***Working*** – Actively operating
 - ***Strength*** – Supremely strong
 - ***Might*** – Strength to overcome
- **His power that has already begun to transform us**
 - Ephesians 2:4-6
- **The power to do “all things” which He requires of us**
 - Philippians 4:13

That I may know the fellowship of His suffering

- **Enduring suffering is central to our profession of faith**
 - *“If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us...”* (2 Tim. 2:12)
- **If we won't suffer with Him, we won't reign with Him**
- **Shared suffering is a pre-requisite to shared glory**
 - Romans 8:16-18

**Knowing Him and the power of His resurrection gives us the
power to withstand suffering**

That I may be conformed to His death

- **We must be “continually being conformed”**
- **We died with Him and no longer live for self – Gal. 2:20**
- **We have died to the world**
 - *“But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Gal. 6:14)*
- **Dying to the world does not mean Christ doesn’t love us**
 - Romans 8:35-37
- **Dying with Him will allow us to live with Him**
 - *“It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him...” (2 Tim. 2:11)*

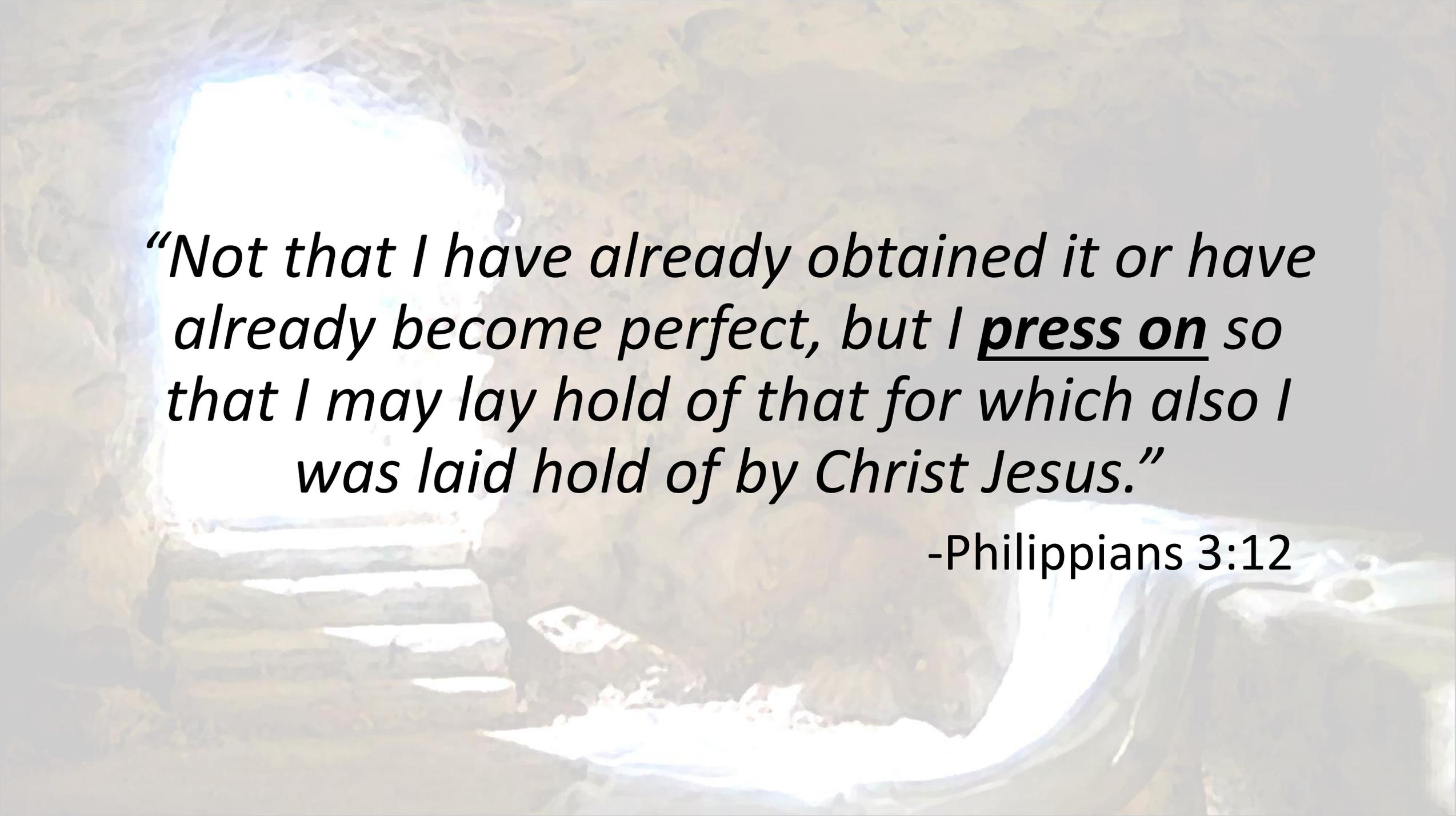
That I may attain to the resurrection from the dead

- **Not a reference to the general resurrection of all the dead**
 - In that sense, resurrection is a certainty
 - John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15
- **A reference to “the resurrection of the righteous” (Lk 14:14)**
 - What Heavenly citizens are eagerly waiting for - Phil. 3:20-21
- **Something Paul “may” attain**
 - *“if, by any means, I may attain...”* (KJV/NKJV/ASV)
 - Not doubt (Phil. 1:23) but a **humbling** reminder of the work ahead
 - Not doubt, but determination
- **Failure is possible...**

Failure is possible

- If I don't have a real relationship with Him
- If I don't really know and trust in His power
- If I am not willing to suffer for His sake
- If I'm not continuously becoming like Him

How do we attain to the resurrection of life?

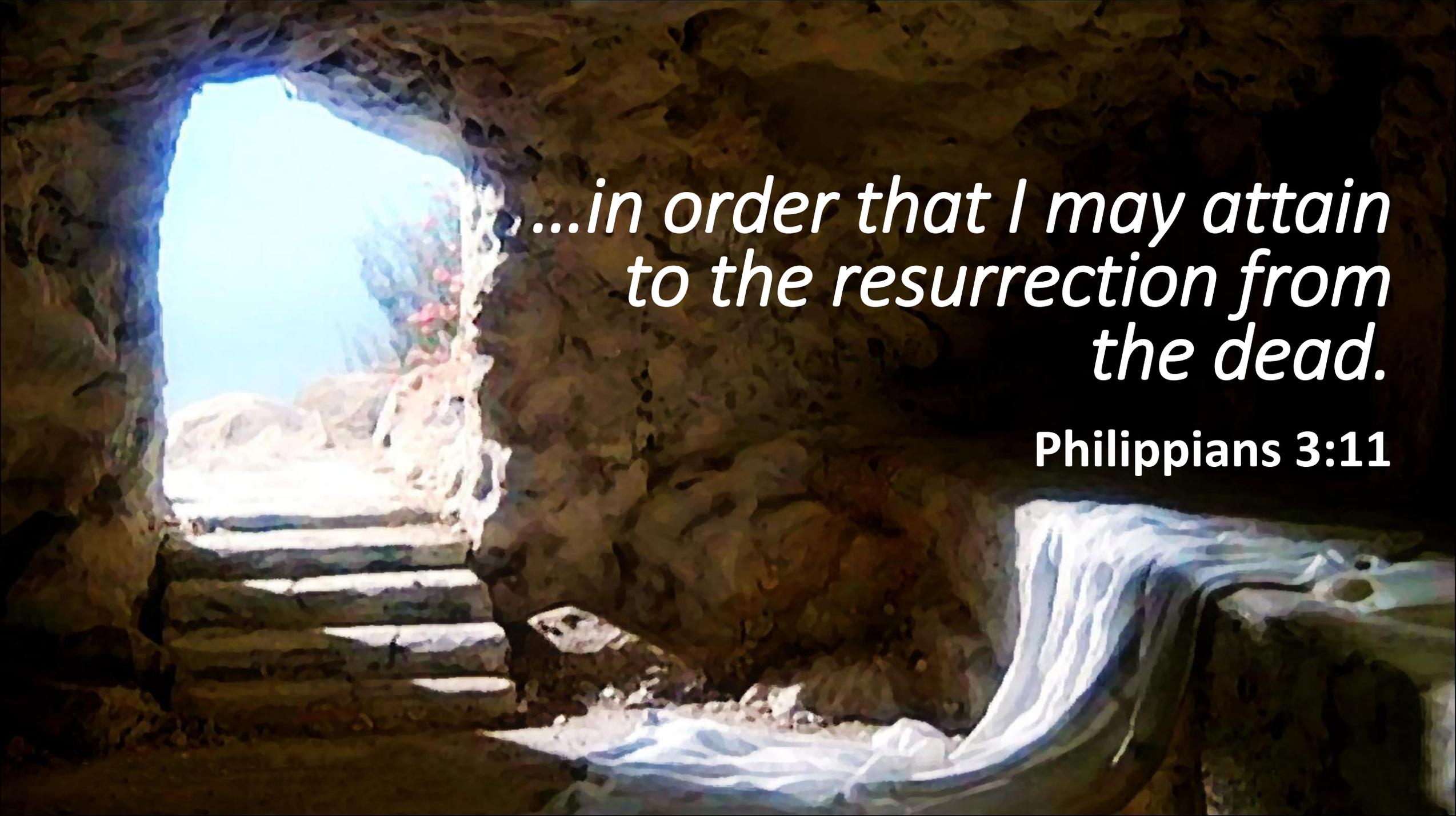


*“Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I **press on** so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.”*

-Philippians 3:12

A dimly lit cave interior with a bright opening on the left and a waterfall on the right. The text "Press on" is overlaid in the center.

Press on

An illustration of an empty tomb. The interior is dark and cavernous, with rough, textured rock walls. In the foreground, a white cloth lies on the floor, partially covering a stone ledge. To the left, a set of stone steps leads up to a bright, glowing opening in the rock. The light from the opening is intense, casting a blueish glow on the surrounding rock. Outside the opening, a landscape with rolling hills and a clear sky is visible. The overall scene is one of hope and resurrection.

*...in order that I may attain
to the resurrection from
the dead.*

Philippians 3:11

