

## **The Goal for 2017 and Beyond**

### ***Philippians 3:7-14***

*Introduction: New Year's Resolutions*

Only 8% of people who make resolutions follow through with them.

Resolutions teach us two important things about people:

- People are in touch with their basic need to change for the better
- Without the right motivation for change we will become discouraged and give up

Why are you a Christian? What's the point of your salvation?

*The goals we set in our Christian lives are to further our experience of joy.*

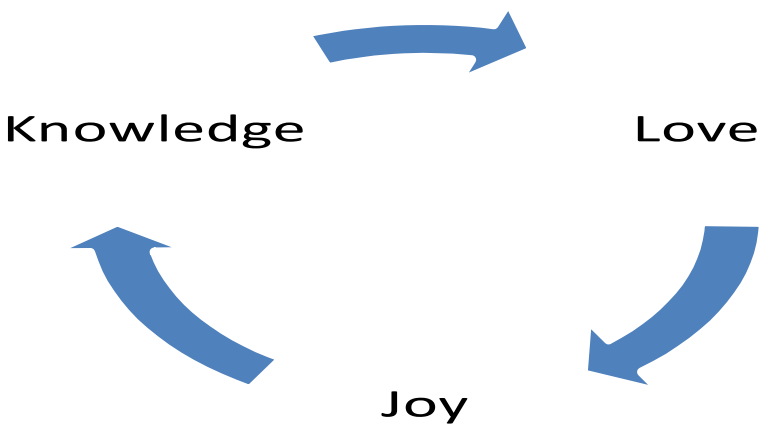
## **1. The Goal of Change**

- Self-improvement or Self-emptying

- Knowledge

## 2. Pressing On

*John 17*



*When Two Equals One*

*The Goal and the Prize*

*Conclusion:* practical steps to press on

- Commune with God
- Sacrifice
- Treasure Christ