

# Determined



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## Introduction

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- 2. "Either were already perfect:"
- 3. "but I follow after, "
- 4. "if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."

### I. Where in Christ, do I come from?

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," (Philippians 3:13)

- Horribly lost!
- Wonderfully saved!
- Exposed to false doctrine.
- Exposed to the rise & fall of a vibrant house church ministry.
- Exposed to the rise & fall of a church comprised of multiple house churches.
- Called at the very outset of global collapse to preach a challenging message.

### II. Where in Christ, are you right now?

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," (Philippians 3:13)

- Preach the Gospel live, online & any way possible!
- Disciple new converts into being vibrant Christians!!
- Prepare existing converts to be vibrant leaders!!!

### **III.** Where in Christ, are we headed?

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### (Philippians 3:13)

- Raise up a vibrant house church ministry.
- Then form it into a church composed of multiple house churches.

## Conclusion

### How then do we all get there?

### "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

### (Philippians 3:12-14)

- Continue being a light to the world
  - to the end of this global collapse; and
  - before, during and/or after the Great Tribulation,
  - until our Lord Jesus Christ returns, and
  - then, yes, hallelujah, forever!

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