

I WANT
TO KNOW
CHRIST!!

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11

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7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Introduction

A. The humility of Paul after his conversion

1. Heritage meant nothing to Paul

2. Religion meant nothing to Paul

3. Material things meant nothing to Paul

Galatians 6:3

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Galatians 6:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Introduction

B. Christ means everything to Paul

- 1. Desired the superior knowledge of Christ as savior (v 8)**

Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

- 2. Desired the demonstrated righteousness of Christ in his life (v 9)**

Colossians 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

I. I Want To Know Him In The Power Of His Resurrection (v 10)

A. That power is who Christ is

John 11:35

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

B. That power is where we meet Christ

John 20:28

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

I. I Want To Know Him In The Power Of His Resurrection (v 10)

C. That power is where we need Christ

1 Corinthians 15:17

And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

D. That power is where we see Christ

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

II. I Want To Know Him In The Fellowship Of His Suffering (v 10)

A. Identifying with Christ in the physical world

2 Corinthians 4:8-11

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

II. I Want To Know Him In The Fellowship Of His Suffering (v 10)

B. Identifying with Christ in the spiritual world

Romans 9:1-3

1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

III. I Want To Know Him By Sharing In His Death (v 10)

A. The reality

Romans 6:6

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

B. The reason

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

III. I Want To Know Him By Sharing In His Death (v 10)

C. The reward

1. That gives hope

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

III. I Want To Know Him By Sharing In His Death (v 10)

C. The reward

2. That gives help

2 Corinthians 5:8-9

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

Do You Know Jesus?