

KNOWING CHRIST JESUS

An Exposition of Philippians 3:10-11
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Sermon Outline

There were three things Paul pursued and expected all other believers to do the same. All three come together, and work together.

1. He Wanted To Know Christ Intimately

- He didn't want more religion, but he wanted more of Christ Himself! V8 and 10
- This was his passion. (Psalm 73:25)
- Christianity is not this cold, formal, lifeless, cerebral thing. (Song of Solomon) ROMANCE!

2. He Wanted To Know Christ's Power

- Power = dunamis → dynamite! There is strength in God!
- Jesus ROSE FROM THE DEAD!
- Do you have any needs? Do you require help from God? You can know his power. Read of His miracles throughout the Bible. (Gen 1:1-3)

3. He Wanted To Know Christ's Sufferings

- Paul discovered something when he suffered.
- Strange paradox: life comes out of death! (2 Cor 4:7-12; Col 1:24; John 12:23-25)
- He discovered that our sufferings are transformed into an intimate fellowship with Christ Himself.
- We are conformed into His image. (v10d)
- We are also able to "stand" and demonstrate this resurrection life to unbelievers. (v11)
- But first we must die in order to live!

Bible Study Questions

- 1. What did the Apostle Paul discover the moment he was saved? Describe the substance of his old life compared to the new? What made the difference between the two? (v8 &10a)**

- 2. What became Paul's passion in life? (v8 & 10) Was this a cold and lifeless experience to him? What is the relationship between a husband and his wife to be like? What is another word for the church?**

- 3. Have you ever experienced the power of God? When? Is this a one-time event in the believer's life?**

- 4. List occasions when God displayed his power in the Bible.**

- 5. What did Paul discover when he suffered? (Col 1:24; 2 Cor 1:9; 2 Cor 12:8-10)**

- 6. What is the strange paradox that we find throughout the Bible? (2 Cor 4:7-12; John 12:23-25; 1 Peter 4:13)**

- 7. Does this at all change your understanding of what it means to suffer for Christ?**