

# 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?**