

The All Surpassing Worth of Knowing Jesus Christ
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Philippians 3: 1-11 (ESV)

Context:

Setting: Written around _____ when Paul is under house arrest in Rome

Audience: The church of believers at _____

Reason: Paul writes the letter to Philippi to encourage them in their _____. Specifically for our passage, Paul is warning the Philippians about the false teaching of the _____

Philippians 3:2-3 (ESV)

Put No Confidence in the _____

- Paul lists 7 ways in verses 4-6 that he and many people today put confidence in their flesh in order to gain good standing before God:
- Circumcised (**ritual**)
- People of Israel (**race**)
- Tribe of Benjamin (**rank**)
- A Hebrew of Hebrews (**tradition**)
- A Pharisee (**religion**)
- Zealous persecutor (**passion**)
- Blameless (**legalistic righteousness**)
- Nothing apart from the Righteousness of Christ can save us. There is no _____ in any of these things when compared to knowing Christ.

The Surpassing Worth of _____ Christ

Philippians 3:7-9 (ESV)

- The gain loss language here implies that there is a _____ exchange (Philippians 1:21, Mark 8:25 (ESV))
- Paul counted everything as loss because He found something of greater _____, He found _____
- Notice he doesn't say knowing _____ Christ, but truly knowing Christ. (John 17:3, John 10:14 (ESV))
- The greek word used in verses 7-9 is _____ the greek word for _____ it is used in this verse to indicate an experiential knowledge by personal involvement.

- Paul turns to calling everything else “_____” compared to _____ Christ and knowing Him.
- The true _____ of salvation is not eternity in heaven or fellowship with the church but _____. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)

The Value of Christ's Righteousness

Philippians 3:10-11 (ESV)

- That we may _____ him.
- That we may experience his _____.
- That we have a _____ in our suffering.
- That we will be _____ with Him for all of eternity.
- Christ's righteousness bestowed on us is what gives us the ability to know Him which is the greatest value in our lives
- By knowing Christ we get to experience His _____ (2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV)
- Christ's power saves us. As the Holy Spirit dwells within us, He helps us _____ trials and temptations, live a _____ life, and _____ share the Gospel.
- Knowing Christ gives us a companion in suffering. The best and most _____ moments with God happen during suffering. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5 ESV)
- By truly knowing Christ we are promised to be _____ with God in eternity. This gives us hope that one day there will be no tears, no pain, no evil, no worry and no sadness. Just the beautiful worship of our Savior. (Philippians 3:20-21 ESV)

Reflection Questions

- **What in your life are you putting more worth in over a relationship with Jesus?**
- **Do you have a passion to truly know Christ? If you believe you do, does your life reflect this?**
- **Do you feel as if your life has no worth, no value, or meaning?**