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**THE SURPASSING WORTH OF  
KNOWING CHRIST**  
**Philippians 3:1-11**

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What is the most valuable item you own?







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1. Be on the look out for those who attempt to change the gospel.



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“Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.”(1 Cor. 7:18-19)



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“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.” (Gal. 5:6)

“For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.”  
(Gal. 6:15)



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“In Him also you were circumcised with a  
circumcision made without hands, by putting off the  
body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ... .”  
(Col. 2:11-12)



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“For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.”  
(Rom. 2:28-29)



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“Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, circumcise your hearts, you people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem... .” (Jer. 4:4)

“And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.” (Deut. 30:6)



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## Questions to Consider

How do we stay on guard for those who twist the truth of the gospel?



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2. Our status before God is based solely on faith in Christ not on what we do or what others consider valuable.



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## Questions to Consider

Do you base your status before God on how you act or your religious background?



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3. Knowing Christ personally and experientially is more important than anything else.



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“And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Eph. 3:19)

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)



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“And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”  
(Matt. 7:23)



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“These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” (Isa. 29:13)



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“I will be their God, and they shall be my people. They shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.” (Jer. 31:33-34)

“But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.” (Jer. 9:24)



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“There is no faithfulness or steadfast love; and no knowledge of God in the land.” (Hos. 4:1)

“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”  
(Hos. 6:6)



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# Questions to Consider

Do you know Christ?



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Do you know Christ?

Is your relationship with Christ growing stronger?

Is your love for Christ growing deeper?