



Knowing Jesus

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Philippians 3:8

1. Jesus wants to have a _____ with you.

Philippians 3:7-11

“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”

2. _____ based strategy vs. _____ based strategy
3. Forget what is in the _____ mirror and focus on the _____ ahead
 - a. Put the past behind you

Philippians 3: 12-14

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

4. Always remember your citizenship is in _____
 - a. This temporary world is not your home so zone in on your future home.
 - b. Look forward to that glorious day and to your glorious body

Philippians 3: 20-21

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

Meet God at The Pond
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This Week's Reflection Questions

1. **What things in my life do I value most, and how do they compare to the value of knowing Christ?**
 - Paul considered his former accomplishments a loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus.
2. **Are there any achievements, possessions, or relationships that I am tempted to trust more than Christ?**
 - What might God be asking me to surrender?
3. **What does it mean to me personally to be "found in Him" rather than relying on my own righteousness?**
 - Am I trusting in Christ's work or my own efforts to make me acceptable to God?
4. **How am I growing in my knowledge of Christ on a daily basis?**
 - What spiritual practices help me deepen my relationship with Him?
5. **Have I experienced the power of Christ's resurrection in my life?**
 - How has God's power brought change, hope, victory, or new life to me?
6. **What does sharing in Christ's sufferings look like in my current circumstances?**
 - How can difficulties draw me closer to Jesus rather than farther from Him?
7. **How does the hope of resurrection and eternal life influence the way I live today?**
 - What priorities, decisions, or attitudes should change because of this hope?
8. **How does remembering that my true citizenship is in heaven influence the way I live, think, and make decisions each day?**
 - Are my priorities aligned more with God's kingdom or with the values of this world?
9. **What does it mean for me to eagerly await the return of Jesus Christ?**
 - Does my life reflect anticipation, hope, and readiness for His coming?
10. **How does the promise of a future transformed, glorified body encourage me through life's struggles, limitations, and disappointments?**
 - In what ways can this hope strengthen my faith today?

Closing Thought:

May you leave today asking not, "What do I have?" or "What have I accomplished?" but rather, "Am I growing in my relationship with Jesus?" For when Christ becomes our greatest treasure, our deepest joy, and our surest hope, we discover the very life Paul described—a life anchored in faith, sustained by grace, and filled with the expectation of eternal glory.