

PHILIPPIANS



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CHRIST

Sermon Notes

The Priceless Value of Knowing Christ

Philippians 3:10-11

1. Paul says that he “wants to experience the mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead” because that is the only power that can transform his life. Where do you seek power? Is it centered on self or on knowing Christ and the power that raised Him from the dead?

Romans 6:4-5, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, 2 Peter 1:3, Ephesians 6:1-10, Philippians 3:4-6, Romans 3:20, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

2. Paul says “I want to know Christ.” To know means to have intimate knowledge not just know about something. When you think about knowing Christ the way that Paul desires to know Christ, do you want to know Christ?

Genesis 5:24, 6:9

3. Paul realized that the more he got to know Christ the more he wanted Christ and the more he found fulfillment in Christ. Is Christ where you go for fulfillment. Is Christ truly the One who satisfies you? Is Christ your true source for Peace? Where are you seeking satisfaction that cannot truly satisfy? Relationships? Habits? Activities?

Psalm 62:1, Psalm 142:5

4. Paul says “I want to suffer with Christ” reminding me that my identity and my comfort come from him alone. Where do you turn in your suffering? Are you willing to suffer for the gospel to go out? What has become your security that prevents you from being willing to suffer?

Hebrews 4:15-16, 2 Corinthians 1:5, Psalm 143:1-3, Psalm 62:8, 1 Corinthians 3:12, 1 John 3:2, 2 Peter 1:6

5. Dwight Pentecost says appetite makes the difference between spiritual maturity and immaturity. Considering that, reflect on these questions.
 - a. What are you hungry for?
 - b. How hungry are you?
 - c. Have you identified what it is in your life that dampens your hunger for Christ?
 - d. Have you taken time to think about those things that ruin your appetite for God?
 - e. What robs your affections?
 - f. What unplugs you from godly desire and godly living?
 - g. What stirs your affections for Jesus and the gospel and His Word?