Make it Count Pastor Beck Payne December 26th, 2021

At the end of the day, all that truly matters is that my life truly counts in the grand scheme of eternity.

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-16 (ESV)

1. Sometimes it's the "good things" in life that can keep us from truly making life count!

Nothing in this world compares to the worth of knowing Jesus Christ.

Paul had:

- Family Heritage
- Social Status
- Religious
- Zealous
- Moral behavior

Scripture: I. John 2:15-17 (ESV)

Paul was willing to "lose" it all in order to "gain" what really counts in life!

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV) Scripture: Hebrews 11:23-28 (ESV)

- 2. The "cry" of Paul's heart was...
 - to know Christ. Scripture: John 17:1-3; Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)
 - to know the power of Christ's resurrection. Scriptures: Romans 1:1-4; Romans 6:5-11; 2. Peter 1:3-4; 1. Corinthians 15:12-26 (ESV)
 - to share in Christ's sufferings.
 Scriptures: 2. Corinthians 1:3-9; 1. Peter 4:12-16 (ESV)
- 3. The process of becoming like Christ is a life-long journey.

• You can't press on into the future if you are constantly distracted by the past.

Scripture: Hebrews 5:7-9; Luke 9:62 (ESV)

4. Paul wanted to make it count!

Scripture: Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV)

- He wanted to attain the resurrection of the dead.
- He wanted to attain the prize of the upward call of God in Christ.