

The Mentoring of Christ

Philippians 3:10

Introduction:

“Knowing Christ is a mixture of revelation, inspiration, and education. All of which comes from the labor pains of walking with Christ day by day.”

“A season of suffering is a small assignment when compared to the reward. Rather than begrudge your problem, explore it. Ponder it. And most of all use it to the glory of God.”

- Max Lucado

I. He wants to mentor us through an intimate knowledge of His person. (V. 10)

A. Our quest is to be a progressive one.

That I may . . . Philippians 3:10

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. (V. 2) My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? Psalms 42:1-2

I want to know God . . .

- ◆ As Noah did . . . in His salvation from judgement.
- ◆ As Moses did . . . in His liberating power.
- ◆ As Elijah did . . . in His still, small voice.
- ◆ As Isaiah did . . . in His glory.
- ◆ As Jeremiah did . . . in His faithfulness.
- ◆ As David did . . . in His shepherding care.
- ◆ As Ezekiel did . . . seated on the throne as the Son of Man.
- ◆ As Mary did . . . in His humanity . . . and in His deity.
- ◆ As Peter did . . . in His forgiveness.
- ◆ As Mary Magdalene did . . . in His authority over demons.
- ◆ As Lazarus did . . . in His resurrection life.
- ◆ As Lazarus’s sisters did . . . in His tender compassion.
- ◆ As Paul did . . . in the sufficiency of His grace.
- ◆ As the apostle John did . . . seated on the throne as the Son of God.

- Max Lucado

B. Our quest is to be a perceptive one.

... *know him*, **Philippians 3:10**

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. **Psalms 84:4**

II. He wants to mentor us through a knowledge of His power. (V.10)

A. We are to integrate His power over death's cause.

... *and the power* **Philippians 3:10**

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **Colossians 2:13**

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **Romans 6:6**

B. We are to integrate His power over death's curse.

... *of his resurrection*, **Philippians 3:10**

"The word 'Resurrection' in this text is a Greek word used nowhere else in the New Testament. It means a partial resurrection out from among other corpses."

- **John Walvoord**

... *a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*, **1 Peter 1:3**

III. He wants to mentor us through an identifying knowledge of His pain.

A. We strive to identify so we can embrace His motives.

... *and the fellowship of his sufferings*, **Philippians 3:10**

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. **1 Peter 3:17**

"God never promises to remove our struggles. He does promise however, to change the way we look at them."

- **Max Lucado**

"Exquisite knowledge gained through the experience of suffering."

B. We strive to identify so we can embody His message.

... being made conformable unto his death; Philippians 3:10

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20