

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 1-3-21
A Heart for Jesus in 2021

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking a look back:
 - 1) Looking back at 2020 –
 - 2) All of this takes a toll on people and impacts the heart.
 - a) Jeremiah 17:9 -
 - b) Matthew 15:19 –
 - b. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) Where does that leave us as we step into 2021?
 - 2) If the church is in trouble, then why?
2. It is good to be reminded: Phil. 3:1-3
 - a. Reminders are “safe”
 - 1) We need that in life!
 - a) Hebrews 10:25
 - 2) “we are the circumcision” -
3. A changed heart should result in a changed perspective: Phil. 3:4-7
 - a. Before Christ:
 - 1) These things were once of great importance to him.
 - 2) “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ”
 - b. What prompted the change?
 - 1) Salvation:
 - a) Position in Him/Relationship
 - b) Standing/Fellowship
 - 2) Verse 8 – “Yes furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him for His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish in order that I may win Christ” Amplified.Bible
 - a) What do you hear in these words?
 - c. Things of this life teach us many things:
 - d. Is Jesus your pursuit?
 - 1) Hebrews 11:6 –
 - 2) Matthew 6:33 –
 - 3) Would you consider being discipled in 2021?
4. By Grace through Faith: Phil 3:9
 - a. Believers are “in Him”
 - 1) Do you know your position in Christ?
 - 2) Can you explain the change in your life and how it happened?

5. "That I may know Him": Phil 3:10

a. Is it your heart to know Jesus?

1) Verse 10 - [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]" Amplified Bible

2) "That I may know" – "the power of His resurrection" -

3) "That I may know" - "the fellowship of His sufferings" –

6. As we move ahead:

a. Do you have a heart for Jesus?