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The Excellence of the Knowledge of Christ

Philippians 3:7-11

1. Paul originally viewed his Judaism as _____, but, in light of Christ, he decided to esteem it as _____. (Philippians 3:7)

    a. Religion convinces people that they are doing God _____. (John 16:2-3)

    b. In order to please God, we must operate by _____. (Habakkuk 2:4)

2. The _____ _____ _____ through close personal relationship is superior to everything else.

3. Paul's decision to trust in the work of Christ alone resulted in a position _____ _____ and righteousness _____ _____. (Philippians 3:9)

4. Paul, after salvation, knew Christ more intimately through Holy Spirit powered, Christ-like _____. (Philippians 3:10)

    a. There is _____ in fellowshipping with the Lord through suffering. (Acts 5:40-41)

    b. Conforming to the death of Christ through suffering is _____ and worked out by _____.

5. Everything is worth it in the end when we are _____ / _____ and see the Lord Jesus. (Philippians 3:11)

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Questions for Thought at Home

1. In the context of Philippians 3:7-11, what does it mean to know Christ and how does that differ from religion?

2. What things were gain to you that the Lord has reformed your thinking on?

3. Why is suffering important to the Christian life and what do we stand to gain from it?

4. Suffering is not automatically profitable in the Christian life, why is that?

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