



# ***Knowing Him – Knowing Me***

***Phil 3:7-10 (Topical Message)***

***You know somethings, but you will never know everything, and sometimes you feel like you know nothing!***

***Do you sometimes feel like that?***

***As a believer what do we need to know about the Christian life?***

### **Romans 6:3 (NASB)**

<sup>3</sup> Or **do you not know** that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

### **Romans 6:16 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup> **Do you not know** that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

### **Romans 7:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Or **do you not know**, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?

***We discovered 3 important truths about being a Christian from these 3 questions:***

***Died to Sin***

***Died to the Law***

***Daily Choice to offer ourselves to (Residual Sin) or to God as alive from the Dead which is the starting point in Growing in Grace***

## ***But what else did Paul say about the importance of knowing in his writings?***

Personally, the apostle Paul made it a goal in his life to get to know Christ. This is a wonderful goal, and one all Christians should share:

This is what I want to look at today from Phil 3:7-10. ***Paul explaining his life's goal of knowing Christ.***

Thus, the title of my message – ***Knowing Him (Christ), Knowing Me (Being in Christ)***

*Paul in this passage describes 3 aspects of knowing Christ:*

### **Aspect:**

- 1. Not Knowing Christ**
- 2. Value of Knowing Christ**
- 3. Intimately Knowing Christ**

## Philippians 3:7-10 (NASB)

<sup>7</sup> But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, <sup>9</sup> and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

## 1. Not Knowing Christ

### Philippians 3:7-8a, c (NASB)

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{I added in and count them but rubbish from the end of verse 3:8}

### *Being Religious Thought to be Gain*

Paul describes his life prior to his belief in Christ:

### Philippians 3:5-6 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

These are the things Paul thought at that point (Before Conversion) in his life were gain to him. Paul's goal in life was to *attempt to be made holy, righteous, acceptable, loved and blessed by God by his attempt at being religious (Law)*:

***Does this describe you in life?***

Most of us Gentiles (Non-Jews) don't attempt to keep the law, but what we do is attempt to way the scales by attempting to be a good person, do good deeds, and thinking that if that outweighs me being a bad person, doing wrong things - God will by default accept me, love me and find favor with me.

***Tilting the scales in God's direction is the same as attempting to keep the Law!***

***There is no such thing as being a good person theology in the Bible.*** There is nothing wrong with being a good person, but that is exactly what Paul was trying to do in his life before he believed in Christ: He was trying to do it by keeping the Law (God's Holy Standard), and many today try to do it by trying to be a good person (Good Person Law).

## **Romans 10:4 (NASB)**

<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

*Paul thought being religious was a positive gain for him is his life,*

*Do you think being religious is a positive gain in your life?*

## **1 Corinthians 15:56 (NASB)**

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

*Many think they are gaining, but they are losing by living life this way. Man is still spiritually dead, in sins, and under the power of sin.*

## Count as Loss

**Rubbish** – (other versions – Worthless, Filth, Garbage, Dung)

You get the picture here. Paul tells us all that he thought that would advance him in life by being religious was (**Rubbish**, Worthless, Filth, Garbage, Dung)

**Question for you this morning:**

*Has God revealed to you that being religious is (**Rubbish**, Worthless, Filth, Garbage, Dung)?*

**Stop:** If you don't know Christ.

*Right now, pray to receive Him. Christ doesn't want your religious activities or your good works, He wants you to come to Him, ask for forgiveness of your sins, and He will come to live inside of you giving you eternal life. Christ wants a relationship with you!*

***Not Knowing Christ = Loss***

## 1. Value of Knowing Christ

### Philippians 3:8b-9 (NASB)

<sup>8b</sup> in view of the **surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, **and count them but rubbish** so that I may gain Christ, <sup>9</sup> and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith

### Philippians 3:8b (AMP)

<sup>8b</sup> the possession of the priceless privilege (**the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage**) of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]**.

In these verses, Paul is telling us that knowing Christ is a surpassing value. The amplified bible describes this value as (**overwhelming preciousness, surpassing worth, and supreme advantage**).

***There is no value in the Law and attempts at being religious, but there is surpassing value in Knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.***

**Brothers & Sisters** – I'll take that one step further. There is no value in knowing anything compared to the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ!

***You know somethings, but You will never know everything, and sometimes You feel like You know nothing!***

***Do you know the surpassing overwhelming precious value of Jesus Christ?***

***This is not knowing of Him, but Knowing Him personally and intimately.***

**Know** (Greek Transliteration – gnosis) – To know intimately

I like the way the Amplified Bible describes this:

**knowing Christ Jesus my Lord *and* of progressively becoming more deeply *and* intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly].**

***Is knowing Christ your life's pursuit, and a surpassing value in your life? Or are you just satisfied with knowing of Christ, instead of deeply knowing Christ?***

***Brothers & Sisters*** – There is great value in faith in Christ and knowing Christ.

**1 Peter 1:7a (NASB)**

<sup>7a</sup> your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable,

Your Faith in Christ and knowing Christ are more valuable than Gold – Amen!

***Value of Knowing Christ = Gain***

## 1. Intimately Knowing Christ

### Philippians 3:10 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> that I may **know Him and the power of His resurrection** and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

### Philippians 3:10 (AMP)

<sup>10</sup> [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]

Paul told us of the surpassing value of knowing Christ and now in verse 10 Paul wants to know the power of Christ's resurrection, which is also his resurrection:

The amplified bible says **and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection.**

**Brothers & Sisters** – We have the power that raised us with Christ from the dead inside of us ready to flow out of us. Amen!

**Is knowing Christ and His Resurrection Power in you and flowing through you a life's pursuit? Or are you just satisfied with knowing of Christ?**

You might say yes, I want Christ's power to flow through me to the world around me. I have tried and it doesn't work.

Your issue is you are pursuing knowing the wrong things?

***You have been told that to be a super powerful Christian –***

1. You need to know new ministry methods and techniques
2. You need to know psychology
3. You need a to know the bible from in great depth from Genesis to Revelation
4. You need to know this, or you need to know that

Paul tells us something different:

**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 in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection**

***Brothers & Sisters*** – That's knowing Him to know me!

Christ is in you, and wants to live through you! When you let Him live through you, that's living with resurrection power.

Just get to know Christ more deeply and intimately and you will experience not only gain, but a great gain as you offer yourself to Him to learn, grow and be used!

***Intimately Knowing Christ = Greater Gain***

***Not Knowing Christ = Loss***

***Value of Knowing Christ = Gain***

***Intimately Knowing Christ = Greater Gain***

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