

Knowing Christ

Philippians 3:1-11

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Phil. 3:8a

FOCUSED ON THE TRUE GOSPEL

3:1-3

Joy is not based on our _____, but rather on the gospel of Christ.

Paul reminded the Philippians of the gospel to safeguard them from false teaching.

The false teachers in Philippi were dangerous, prideful, and denied the gospel of grace.

True believers live a life of _____, boast of Christ, and have no confidence in works.

Let your words speak the gospel and your actions show it to a lost world hungry for hope and peace.

NO CONFIDENCE IN WORLDLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

3:4-7

By worldly standards Paul had an impeccable lineage, _____, and reputation.

By knowing Christ, Paul knew his prior work and claims to righteousness were worthless.

What Paul once treasured brought glory to himself, but in no way glorified God.

Pursue Christ with more passion than pursuing worldly accomplishments or personal desires.

COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

3:8-11

Knowing Christ, Paul was confident of his identity, righteousness, and salvation.

Knowing Christ, Paul shared in His righteousness, power, resurrection, AND suffering.

Paul was sure of a resurrection that enabled him to live _____ with Christ.

In the ups and downs of life, seek to have an all-consuming passion to know Christ more.

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Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Romans 8:35,37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Acts 9:1-9,17-19

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ... So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

Matthew 6:19-20

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."