

Series "Joy In Christ"
"A Testimony"
Philippians 3:10-11
Part-12

Psalm 20:7

Philippians 3 - Joy In Sharing: A Warning 1-9; A Testimony 10-11; A Goal 12-16; A Command 17-21 (Pursuit of Christ). **The right relationship to God has to be established for both salvation and service.**

Justification - *is the act by which God declares to be righteous the sinner who has received the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ.* **Romans 3:24**

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him, a Christian, it is knowing a person!
John 17:3

"Christianity is Christ! If we leave Jesus out, we have religion, not a relationship!"

Thought Of Our Passage: "To Know Jesus Personally, Intimately, And Experientially Is The First And Greatest Goal Of The Believer's Life."

- 1. Verse 10 Knowing Him:**
- 2. Verse 10 Knowing His Power:**
- 3. Verses 10-11 Knowing His Suffering:**

1. Verse 10 Knowing Him:

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him,

Context – Paul just warned of the false teaching of the Judaizers **1-6 Works And Righteousness**: In order to receive salvation, one must pursue the Mosaic Law.

The difference between Religion and Christianity is night & day.

"Religion Says, Do! Christianity Says, Done!" Ephesians 2:8-9

that I may know Him

I thought Paul already knew Jesus Christ?

7-9 Faith And Righteousness: Philippians 3:8

that I may know Him,

The Greek verb speaks of "*knowing in a deep personal way. A personal knowledge*" Paul is longing to know Jesus in a deeper way.

Paul speaks of this knowing in **Two Areas of The Christian Experience**.

1. Objective Knowledge: Deals with facts, information about something. This has to do with the brain. **Objects can be known objectively! 2 Timothy 3:7**

2. Personal Knowledge: Speaks of intimate acquaintance; this comes through communication, experience.

1. Practical dimension - nothing is truly known unless it is being practiced in daily life

2. When speaking of persons, it is the deepest personal intimacy and contact.

(K.J.V.) **Genesis 4:1 "And Adam Knew Eve his wife"**

(NASB95) **Genesis 4:1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve,**

God must reveal Himself, self-revelation.

God has done this through the Word. **John 14:21; John 5:39**

Paul is speaking these words after walking with Jesus for over 30 years!

Jesus is inexhaustible;

The Key: Spiritual Appetite: What makes a person a spiritual giant?

Moses - led 2 million people out of Egypt, received the Law - Exodus 33:11-13

David - the sweet psalmist that loved the Lord - Psalm 42:1-2; Psalm 63:1

Are we hungry for God? If not, why not?

2 Peter 3:18

2. Verse 10 Knowing His Power:

Philippians 3:10 and the power of His resurrection

The word **power** that Paul uses is "*dunami or dunamis.*" We get our word "*Dynamite*" or "*Dynamic power*" speaks of "*Ability, Might (Noun), Mighty, Miraculous Power, Strength*" **Romans 8:11**

Account of the resurrection, **1 Corinthians 15**, and Paul preached it and believed it, **he wanted to experience it! Ephesians 1:19-20**

He wanted it for **two different reasons.**

1. Power Of The Resurrection To Break Sin's Grip In His Life:

Paul knew of his inability to do what needed to be done!

Romans 7:19-25

Resurrection - is the crucial ingredient of the gospel message because it authenticates and verifies the purpose of the crucifixion and provides justification.

2. Power Of The Resurrection To Produce Christ's Likeness: Romans 8:1-4; Romans 6:11

Ephesians 5:18 but be filled with the Spirit, ("Filled" contains Four Greek tenses)

1. filled - Greek Imperative Mode - which means it is a command. It is not an option for the child of God.
2. filled - Plural - that it is meant for all Christians. It is not for some elite class of saints, but every believer is to be filled.
3. filled - Passive verb - The Spirit does it. It is not something that we get ourselves into a frenzy.
4. filled - Present tense - Keep on being filled. It is not for special occasions. We need the power of the Holy Spirit.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit, simply means to be controlled by or yielded to the Holy Spirit. it is whether the Holy Spirit has me?

Romans 8:11

3. Verse 10-11 Knowing His Suffering:

Philippians 3:10 and the fellowship of His sufferings,

Paul's personal knowledge, Paul's desire for the Resurrection Power, but what is that painful?

Paul was not saying this because he was into pain! **2 Corinthians 11:23-28**

and the fellowship of His sufferings,

That when the power of the resurrection is within you, you will find yourself experiencing the same things that Christ experienced.

Paul Wanted The Fellowship Of Suffering For Two Different Reasons:

1. Paul Wanted The Fellowship That Would Lead To Suffering:

2 Timothy 3:12 And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Seven Beatitude's In Matthew 5:3-9:

Notice What The 8th Beatitude Is: Matthew 5:10-12

1 Peter 2:21; 1 Peter 4:12-13

**2. Paul Wanted The Fellowship That Christ's Suffering Produces:
2 Corinthians 12:7-9**

God gave Paul the thorn in the flesh.

It was God's doing that the fellowship that we have can come through difficult circumstances.

Fellowship will involve suffering for doing well (**1 Peter 2:20**)

For righteousness (**1 Peter 3:14**)

For the name of Christ (**1 Peter 4:14**)

As a Christian (**1 Peter 4:16**)

According to the will of God (**1 Peter 4:19**)

being conformed to His death;

All this could mean is total surrender to God for His will in our lives.

1 Corinthians 15:31 "I die daily"

Philippians 3:11 in order that I may attain Philippians 1:6

resurrection – (Greek Word Used only here for resurrection)

Literally means "*Stand up, to place*"

The Greek society saw the dead as lying down, and the living as standing up!

Paul wanted others to see Jesus through him.

What Paul is saying is that ***"I want to be under His controlling power, that when people see me, they are seeing someone alive among people that are dead."***

Application:

- 1. Personal – Knowing Him.** Do We Have An Appetite For Knowing God? If Not, What Are We Snacking On? What Is God Saying To Me?
- 2. Power – Knowing Through Experiencing His Power.** Have We Experienced The Power Of The Resurrection? Do We Know That We Can Do All Things Through Him?
- 3. Pain – Fellowship Of His Sufferings.** Do We Know The Jesus Of Suffering? Have We Experienced The Sweet Fellowship Of His Pain?