

Knowing Jesus

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-10

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Introduction

Paul's greatest ambition was to know God in every way possible to know Him.

I. Things that are cast aside

Philippians 3:7, 8b KJV But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. ⁸...for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

- A. His personal identity
 - 1. Honor and prestige
 - 2. Esteem of his colleagues
 - 3. Wealth and prosperity
- B. The prejudices of the past
- C. His personal sin

Hebrews 12:1 KJV Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

II. Set his goal to know Him

Philippians 3:8a KJV ⁸Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:

- A. Considered knowing God the most excellent goal possible
- B. Would not let compromise prevent him from knowing God
- C. Gave his all to know God

III. Three ways to know Him

Philippians 3:10 KJV ¹⁰That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made

conformable unto his death;

- A. The power of His resurrection
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- B. The fellowship of His sufferings
 - Isaiah 53:5 KJV** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
 - 1. Wounded for transgressions
 - 2. Bruised for our iniquities
 - 3. Chastised for our peace
 - 4. Received stripes for our healing
- C. Being made conformable unto His death
 - 1. Death to the deeds of the flesh
 - 2. Death to the lusts of the flesh

Conclusion