

## “ARE YOU PRESSING ON TO ‘KNOW’ CHRIST?” Pt. 1

(Philippians 3:10-12)

### I. PAUL WARNED THE PHILIPPIANS OF DOCTRINAL ERROR (3:1-6)

### II. PAUL COUNTED ALL THINGS AS LOSS FOR CHRIST HIS SAVIOR (3:7-9)

### III. PAUL’S BURNING DESIRE TO KNOW CHRIST (3:10-12)

A. The Apostle gives us the very reason why he was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ everything, “*that I may \_\_\_\_\_ Him.*” (3:10a)

1. The word “*know*” (*ginosko*) speaks of intimate \_\_\_\_\_, experiential knowledge.

\* How does a believer today go about getting to “know” the Lord more intimately?

2. Because Paul possessed salvation, it was now his lifelong \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to develop a relationship with Christ.

\* Can this be said of you? And why is getting to know the Savior inexhaustible?

B. In his desire to get to know Christ Paul expressed that he wanted to know “*the \_\_\_\_\_ (dunamis) of His resurrection*” which tells us he was interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ of identification truth. (3:10b)

1. At the moment of salvation, the blood bought saint is \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ’s death, burial and \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 6:4–5; Eph. 2:5–6; Col. 3:1–2)

2. The significance of this amazing truth is, just as sin and death did not have dominion over the resurrected Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ the sin nature no longer has authority \_\_\_\_\_ the believer. (Rom. 6:6–13)

C. While the justified sinner \_\_\_\_\_ die for sins in the same manner as our Lord did, he/she can \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of righteousness as Christ lives in and through the believer. (3:10c)

1. This unique fellowship can involve suffering for \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 2:20) or suffering for \_\_\_\_\_ sake. (1 Pet. 3:14).

2. A believer who is willing to live for Christ can also suffer for being a \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 4:16), as well as according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Pet. 4:19).

D. The unique Greek word in v. 11 (*exanastasin*) literally means “*the resurrection* \_\_\_\_\_,” indicating that Paul’s view was that if he should die he would have a special resurrection in the Rapture. (3:11)

E. He had not yet arrived to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_; he was not yet perfect in his walk, which meant there was certainly room for \_\_\_\_\_. (3:12a)

F. Paul’s burning desire was not to simply give up and hope for the best, but he had a determination to \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith. (3:12b)

G. The Son of God had laid hold of Paul for a \_\_\_\_\_, to use him for His glory and honor, and to see him conformed to the image of Christ, and the apostle was more than just a \_\_\_\_\_ participant. (3:12c)

\* Are you cooperating with God in your sanctification or are you a predictable road block?

\* How can you personally apply this truth?