

## “HOW WELL DO YOU WANT TO ‘KNOW’ CHRIST?”

(Philippians 3:10-14)

### I. 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.
  2. Because Paul possessed salvation, it was now his lifelong \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to develop a relationship with Christ.
- 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. This unique fellowship can involve suffering for \_\_\_\_\_ sake. (1 Pet. 2:20; 3:14) or suffering as a Christian who wants to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 4:16, 19).
- C. 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)
- D. He had not yet arrived to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ he was not yet perfect in his walk, which meant there was certainly room for \_\_\_\_\_. (3:12)

## II. PAUL'S SINGLE MINDEDNESS OF PRESSING TOWARDS THE GOAL (3:13-14)

- A. The apostle's statement, "*I do not count myself to have apprehended*" is an emphatic declaration that he had \_\_\_\_\_ reached \_\_\_\_\_ perfection. (3:13a)
- B. Even though Paul had remembered his religious background in verses 4-6, he was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ those things which were behind him. (3:13b)
- C. Paul wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ a lot time bemoaning his \_\_\_\_\_, instead he was continually "*reaching \_\_\_\_\_ to those things which are ahead.*" (3:13c)
- D. The word "*reaching*" speaks of an athlete in a race who \_\_\_\_\_ forward and \_\_\_\_\_ himself out to reach the finish line. (Acts 20:23-24; 1 Cor. 9:23-27; 2 Tim. 4:7)
- E. The verb "*press*" denotes \_\_\_\_\_ concentrated pursuit, but it can also involve intense \_\_\_\_\_ in the process. (3:14)
1. The apostle was not drifting aimlessly, but he was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to forge ahead for the prize. (1 Cor. 9:24; 2 Cor. 5:9-10)
  2. This human endeavor was made \_\_\_\_\_ by "*the upward call of God \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus.*" (Heb. 12:1-2)

\* How can this perspective have an impact in your own life?