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Series: Philippians: Triumphant, Tenacious, Battle-Tested Joy

Title: The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Jesus

Text: Philippians 3:1-11 (Part 2)



INTRODUCTION

“Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.” (Philippians 3:1)

*“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”
(Psalm 51:12)*

Philippians 3:7-11

Note: These verses clearly express THE JOY of forsaking self to KNOW JESUS!

Note: Paul longs for his readers to know and to experience what he has known and experienced: the life, the wisdom, the power, the forgiveness, the righteousness, the fellowship, the certain hope, and the joy of Jesus.

(John 10:14-15; John 17:3; 1 John 5:20-21)

I. THE SURPASSING WORTH OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD

Philippians 3:8b-9 -

1) The righteousness of Jesus is given (imputed) to us BY FAITH (never by works!).

What does Paul mean by “righteousness”? What does Paul mean by “faith”?

Note: The very righteousness that God delights in and requires, He provides for us in Christ!

(Romans 3:23; Romans 3:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Note: Faith is believing, trusting, and treasuring Jesus. And faith will be seen, it will be evidenced, it will “bear the fruit” of love, worship, joy, thanksgiving, and obedience to God!

Philippians 3:10a -

2) We can have, know, and experience Jesus' power and victory over sin and death!

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself." (Philippians 3:20-21)

Philippians 3:10b -

3) Jesus' character, Jesus' love for His Father, Jesus' love for others, Jesus' submission to the will of God, Jesus' confidence in the Father's plan is being FORMED IN US.

"I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

(John 19:30; Luke 23:46; Luke 23:34)

Philippians 3:11 -

4) Jesus loves, leads, resurrects, and safely brings His people HOME, into His presence, into a place of unending life, glory, and joy in Him!

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What does Paul mean by the word "know"? Is he referring to knowing facts or something more?
2. Why do we, as proud, sinful humans, struggle to accept and believe salvation by grace?
3. What is the righteousness that Jesus gives? How do we receive it?
4. What sufferings do we share with Christ? What is God's purpose for these sufferings?
5. How has God opened your eyes to see your need for Jesus and His righteousness? When did this happen? What were the circumstances?