

Knowing Christ More Deeply

1. Two Kinds of Righteousness Are Contrasted (9).

2. Paul's Chief Motivation Was to Know Christ (10).

3. Our Greatest Privilege Is to Know and Be Known by Christ (11).

CONCLUSION: God blessed Paul with the surpassing worth of knowing Christ as his Lord. Tasting this delightful reality leads God's people to want to know Him more deeply. Nothing else is able to satisfy us. Explaining this to the Philippians, Paul helps them to better understand the uniqueness of this glorious knowledge and expand their grasp of all the ways that this works itself out in our lives. Let us be satisfied in nothing less than in Christ Himself!

John 1:9-13

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

First Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, *Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.* ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and *the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

First Peter 5:1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, *you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, *in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

John 11:25-27

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”