

# **Gaining Christ**

**Phil 3:9-11**

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What is your all-consuming passion?

Do you have a static, or dynamic view of gaining Christ?

## **Gaining Christ means being United to Him**

“Union with Christ is the central truth of the whole doctrine of salvation.” John Murray

## **Gaining Christ means having a Perfect, Alien Righteousness through Faith**

God demands perfection. He always has, and he always will.

There is a righteousness that satisfies; both God and our own conscience.

What is double imputation?

## **Gaining Christ means Knowing Christ**

Knowing Christ truly, personally, intimately. (John 17:3; Jer 9:23-24)

Knowing the infinite personal God.

## **Gaining Christ means knowing the Power of his Resurrection**

He lives by the power of the resurrection. (Eph 1:19-20; 3:16-17; Rom 8:11)

Why is the resurrection mentioned his death?

Paul needed the power of the resurrection in order to live the Christian life.

## **Gaining Christ means knowing the Fellowship of his Sufferings**

The power of Christ is shown in a faithful witness and is known through suffering. (1 Pet 4:19; 1 Pet 2:21-23; 4:13; 2 Cor 1:5)

We are like Jesus in suffering for well-doing. (2 Tim 3:12)

We learn obedience through suffering. (Just like Jesus did.) (Heb 5:8)

We are purged of our remaining dross of sin through the fire of suffering.

## **Gaining Christ means being Conformed to his Death**

What does ‘conformed to his death’ mean? (Rom 6:4; Col 1:24; 2 Cor 4:10-12; Gal 2:20)

It is putting to death the deeds of the flesh.

It is suffering in the service of the gospel and for the triumph of the gospel.

**Gaining Christ means Attaining Resurrection**

Is Paul doubting his future resurrection?

Embrace this one, all consuming passion, to know Christ, and be found in him.