

Be Faithful for the Prize (Philippians 3:9-10)

The prize is continued growth in knowing Christ.

I. What Paul was _____ in—The _____ Truth (v. 9)

Be faithful in resting in the justifying truth of being found in Him!

A. Being “in Him” _____ according to _____-Righteousness

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Cf. Romans 3:22

Man’s righteousness is defined by his own character.

B. Being “in Him” according to _____-Righteousness

Cf. Ephesians 2:1-9

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in **Christ Jesus**:

God’s righteousness is defined by His own character.

Cf. Romans 5:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Here in v. 9 we have seen Christ as _____ and in v. 10 we will see Christ becoming more of the _____ of our life.

II. What Paul was _____ for—The _____ Truth (v. 10)

In v. 9 we see a _____ truth as we are saved from the _____ of sin whereas in v. 10 we see a _____ truth as we are being saved from the _____ of sin.

Christ is seen in me when “*I know*” and “*follow after*” Him.

John Phillips – Paul’s goal, his master passion, was Christ. Paul had met Him and now he wanted to know Him. To know someone requires genuine interest. Getting to know a person well involves spending quality time with him. To know Him we must spend time with Him, listen to Him, respond to Him, and talk to Him. As we do, our love for Him will grow and we will begin to be like Him. We will begin to think as He thinks, act as He acts, and say what He says.

The more I know Christ the more I will be transformed by that knowledge. The more I am transformed the more I will die to self.

A. Knowing Him results a _____ exercise of faith

Truly knowing the transforming “*power of His resurrection*” will lead to powerful, courageous confidence.

1. Ex. Peter _____ the cross—_____ (John 18:15-17)

2. Ex. Peter _____ the cross—_____ (Acts 4:6-12)

As believers we have been resurrected from spiritual death by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We now share in the resurrection power. This power is the ability, as a _____-filled believer, to overcome _____.

B. Knowing Him results a _____ exercise of faith

1 Peter 4:13-14 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers [*partners*] of **Christ's** sufferings; that, when **His** glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. **14** If ye be reproached for the name of **Christ**, happy [*blessed / privileged or honored*] are ye; for the **Spirit** of glory and of **God** resteth [*His presence abides making available His abounding grace*] upon you: on their part **He** is evil spoken of [*blaspheme and mock*], but on your part **He** is glorified [*magnify or celebrate*].

Cf. Hebrews 4:15-16; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 & 11

Be encouraged by God’s knowledge your trials.

Job 23:10 But **He** knoweth the way that I take: *when He* hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Don’t forget...

2 Corinthians 9:8 And **God** is able to make all grace [*divine help*] abound [*superabound/ in excess*] toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency [*being content or satisfied*] in all things, may abound to every good work:

C. Knowing Him results a _____ exercise of faith

John Phillips – The heart of the Lord Jesus yearns over a lost world, a world for which He died. If we get to know Him and learn to lean on His breast as John did, we will know something of the beating of His heart for sinful men.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 ... **57** But thanks *be* to **God**, which giveth us the victory through our **Lord Jesus Christ**. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the **Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the **Lord**.