

SERMON NOTES

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Sermon: The Surpassing Value of Christ Jesus; Philippians 3:7-14

Main Point: Paul reminds followers of Christ of the blessings and responsibilities of knowing Christ.

NOTES

- The _____ of justification
 - _____ Jesus Christ
 - _____ in Jesus Christ
 - _____ Jesus Christ
 - _____ to Jesus Christ
- The _____ for sanctification
 - _____ seeking Christlikeness
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Philippians 3:1-6

Reflection Questions:

1. What would you place your trust in if you did not have Jesus?
2. Do you always believe your righteous status before God is solely based on the work of Christ? Where in your life are you tempted to achieve your own righteousness before God based on your own works?
3. What does it mean to 'know Christ', to 'gain Christ', and to 'be found in Him' (3:8-9)?
4. How does Philippians 3:9-11 summarize the gospel? And how does Paul employ the word 'righteousness' in these verses?
5. What impact does Christ's resurrection have on the way you live your life?
6. How might a greater focus on our resurrection hope assist us in living our lives in Christ today?
7. Do you find it encouraging when the apostle Paul readily admits that he is not already perfect? What are some of the tensions that we experience as we desire to be holy and perfect in this life, and yet constantly fall short of that goal? How do you deal with those tensions?

Some questions adapted from: David Chapman, *Philippians: Rejoicing and Thanksgiving*, Focus on the Bible Commentary (Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2012), 235-236.