

“I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST”

Philippians 3:1-14

Key Verse: 3:10

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ...”

1. What theme does Paul repeat and why is it a safeguard (1; 2:18; 4:4)? Who did Paul give warnings against (2)? How is true circumcision different from self-confidence (3)?
2. For what reasons could Paul have been confident in the flesh (4-6)? Why were these things a basis for his confidence?
3. How had Paul’s value system drastically changed (7-8)? What does “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ” mean (Jn 17:3; 2Pe 1:3)? What blessing does Christ give, and how is it obtained (9)?
4. What was Paul’s master passion (10-11)? What does “to know Christ” mean? “To know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings” (Ro 6:5; 2Co 1:5)?
5. How did Paul view his progress (12-13)? What was the “one thing” Paul did (13b-14)? What do you think you should forget? What does it mean to “strain toward”? What is the prize? What is your life goal and passion?