

The immeasurable ADVANTAGES of pursuing Christ

Philippians 3:9-11

Introduction

8 *I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ*

9 *and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

#1 Gaining the correct R _____ 9

9 *found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,*

Isaiah 64:6b all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment

Romans 1

Romans 2:1-16

Matthew 5:48 you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect

Romans 2:17-29

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Galatians 2:16 a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus

John 8:46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?

29 "I always do what pleases him"

*2 Corinthians 5:21 made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*

*1 Peter 2:24 He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed*

#2 Enjoying the deepest R _____ 10

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

Romans 6:4-5 we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

FELLOWSHIP

1:5 your partnership [fellowship] in the gospel

1:7 partakers [fellowshippers] with me of grace

2:1 any participation [fellowship] in the Spirit

2:10 the fellowship of His sufferings,

2 Corinthians 12:10 I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

#3 Anticipating the eternal R _____ 11

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality

Romans 8:23 We ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body

Conclusion:

* HOW INTENSE IS YOUR DESIRE TO _____ CHRIST?

* WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU _____ KNOW CHRIST?

Matthew 19:20 the young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD

- 1-Why does Paul list verses 9-11 here? Why do they follow verses 1-8 and come before 12-14?
- 2-What point from this sermon, covering verses 9-11, ministered to you the most?
- 3-How would you use these verses to evangelize an unbeliever or to equip a struggling believer?
- 4-Why do many believers seem to stop knowing more of Christ and hungering after deeper intimacy with Christ?
- 5-How should the bodily resurrection from the dead be a great encouragement to Christians?
- 6-What steps will you take in order to apply the three main points of this sermon today?

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