

A Passion for God: A Passion to Know Him Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Philippians 3.
- B. To know someone and to know about someone is different.

II. Knowledge of Christ involves...

- A. Understanding Christ.
- B. Experiencing Christ personally.
- C. Intimacy with Christ. True knowledge goes beyond the surface.

III. We must know Christ as more than a Savior.

- A. He is our Lord.
- B. He is our life.
- C. To know Jesus, we must be satisfied with simply sitting in His presence.

IV. There is nothing compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ.

- A. Paul wanted to know Christ because in Him is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2)
- B. One's whole perspective begins to change when one grows in his understanding of Christ.
- C. Knowing Christ brings resurrection power through the Spirit that affects others' lives.
- D. Knowing Christ allows one to live a "crucified" life as Jesus did.

V. We must all measure where our interests really lie.

VI. Suggestions for knowing Christ.

- A. Study the Scripture.
- B. Be willing to spend time alone in prayer and meditation with Christ.
- C. Trust Him.
- D. Obey Him.
- E. Observe and record how God works in your life and in the lives of others.

F. Look for the evidence of Christ in every circumstance in life.

G. Be willing to lay aside everything that competes with your love and devotion towards Christ.

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says knowledge of Christ is knowing that He saved us?

2. Why is knowledge of Christ superior to everything else?

3. Which suggestion for knowing Christ stands out to you? What strikes you about it?
