

# Going Deeper

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Philippians 3:10-14.
- B. Some Christians stay far to near to where they got in.
- C. Paul came to know Christ, but his concern was to know him deeper.

## II. Paul had a desire for a deeper acquaintance with the person of Jesus Christ.

- A. Many Christians stop getting to know Christ. Intimacy fades over time.
- B. It is necessary to spend time with Jesus specifically in order to get to know him.
- C. It is necessary to talk to Jesus and let him talk with him.
- D. It is necessary to trust more and more in Jesus.

## III. Paul had a deeper appreciation for the power of Christ.

- A. The resources of resurrection are available to believers.
- B. The power of resurrection regenerates a man.
- C. The power of resurrection releases a person. Jesus is bigger than the problems.
- D. The power of resurrection revives.

## IV. Paul sought a deeper understanding of the suffering of Christ. (Acts 9:15)

- A. Jesus suffered under Satan.
- B. Jesus was rejected by man.
- C. Jesus suffered under the will of God.

## V. Paul sought to be in deeper conformity to the principles of Christ.

- A. He sought to be conformed to Christ's death.
- B. There is no victory without death of self.

## VI. Paul sought the aspirations of Christ—the resurrection out from among other people.

**Application questions:**

1. How would you counsel a fellow believer on getting to know Jesus more intimately?

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2. What is the power of resurrection?

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3. How should we view suffering differently in light of Philippians 3:10-14? Explain.

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