

Testimony

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Psalm 116:1-2.
- B. The speaker grew up churched, but when he heard the gospel he decided that he was just as good as anyone else in the church without it.
- C. He kept returning to a church though and began to question whether he should receive Christ or not. At one point to make sure of his eternal destiny he knelt down at his bedside and received Christ.

II. The beginning of the Christian life.

- A. Jesus Christ is the greatest Person - we are not only to know about Him but to know Him personally. One can only benefit from what Christ did by knowing Him - this is eternal life. (John 17:3)
- B. Unless we receive Christ into our life personally, we cannot receive eternal life. We must take this step.

III. The objective after coming to know Christ as Savior.

- A. After we receive Christ personally the objective is to get to know Christ better.
 - 1. The better we get to know Christ, the more we will be attracted to Him.
 - 2. If we want our faith to increase we must know Him more.
- B. Those who know Christ more love Him more. The measure of how much we love Christ is how much we keep His word. (John 14:23)
 - 1. We seek to make obedience consistent so that He will be real to us consistently.
 - 2. A Christian can “hold more” by making haste to apply what he has learned about being obedient. (Psalm 119:59-60)
- C. Those who know Him the most are the most righteous. (Psalm 90:15)
 - 1. The better we get to know Him, the more we become like Him.
 - 2. When we get some time with Jesus people will see it.
 - 3. The Christian life is not remembering to act right, but acting right because we know Jesus deep down.
 - 4. What we look like at home measures the kind of person we are.

D. Those who know Christ the best are the ones who find it easiest to talk about Him. We find it easy to talk about everything else but Jesus Christ.

F. We get to know Jesus Christ through fellowship with Him. (2 Corinthians 2:18)

1. He talks to us through His Word.

2. We talk to Him through prayer.

IV. Conclusion. (Philippians 2:10)

Application questions

1. How is the Christian who knows Christ personally characterized?

2. What characterizes eternal life? Why is Christ central to it?

3. What has God been pointing out to you about Himself today? If nothing particular, how can you spend some time with Him to increase your awareness with Him?
