

# Knowing Jesus Christ my Lord

*Part II*

## Philippians 3: 10,11

Holly Hills Bible Church  
*9:00 a.m. Philippians Class Study*

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1. Finally, my brethren, **rejoice in the Lord**. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus **and put no confidence in the flesh**, *[the things Paul counts as dross; loss; rubbish]*: 4 **although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh**. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of *(ek)* Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

7 **But whatever things were gain(s) to me, those things I have counted** *(careful, deliberate judgment considering the facts going on into future)* **as loss for** *(because of)* **the sake of Christ**. [Vs. 4-6] 8 More than that, **I count** *(hegeomai; keep on counting; presTsn)* **all things to be loss in view of** *(because 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.



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## THE 6 PURPOSE CLAUSES in view / because of the surpassing VALUE of Jesus Christ:

### ***So that I may:***

- I. gain Christ (His perspective; His values; His graces; His fulness; His viewpoint)
- II. be found in Him: discovered / discovered to be, by fellow men, to be in Him
- III. KNOW Him – (experiential knowledge of His person)
- IV. know the **power of His resurrection** (the inherit dynamic of his rising; as a stimulus to daily life)
- V. have communion with His sufferings (not His past sufferings; but suffering in the present)
- VI. Attain to the resurrection of the dead

Credit: Merryman, R: Philippians #14; Paul's Mental Dynamics 3:4-14; merrymanministries.net

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## PURPOSE CLAUSE 3 of 6: **That I may know Him**

‘I may’: is not a subjective: maybe I will know Him, or maybe I will not – it’s an *Aorist Active Infinitive*.

A point fact of ‘to know’ [Infin.] the Lord Jesus Christ; a once for all GOAL of knowing Christ

A directional pursuit: as to win the prize of Christ personally, experientially in this ‘wilderness wandering’ time on earth; we are sojourners here in a foreign place

- **There is overwhelming preciousness / surpassing value in knowing Him** (*R. Henderson from 6.30.24’s lesson*)

‘**KNOW**’- Him = ***ginōskō***. Knowledge- to come to know by process, by experience, by learning, by taking in doctrinal knowledge

Contrast to: ***oída*** knowledge: knowing fully, completely and intuitively by spiritual working of the H.S. within

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**ginōskō-ing** the Lord Jesus Christ:

## IMPLIES-

- Growing in intimacy with Him ( hanging out w/ Him in spirit and truth; **menō** )
- By: taking in doctrine / divine viewpoint of all that He is: His infiniteness, holiness, love, unchangeability, His righteousness, His sovereignty: all the Things that He is.
- ***“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”*** 2 Pet. 3:18
- Beholding Him & His glory [II Cor. 3:18]
- To behold: **theōreō** (a) to be a spectator of, (b) to take in, (c) to attentively survey, (d) to consider- Him. Gazing at Him in awe and wonder. Quiet time ‘in the closet’ [C.H.M.] alone with Him . . .
- ***Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*** John 17:24

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## PURPOSE CLAUSE 4 of 6: **to know the power of His resurrection**

Two aspects of the resurrection: **(A.) In the resurrection's PHYSICAL power**

'power' - ***dynamis***

His resurrection is a brand new thing: the first of its kind. Christ is the First Fruits of it—

Power over death was displayed in: the raising/restoration of: (a) daughter of Jairus, (b) the son of the widow of Nain, and (c) Lazarus.

Imagine: the power it took to bring back the soul & spirit from death, Sheol for these three

**RESURRECTION:** From- ***ek***, - death out from the place of death into a New in quality life (unprecedented; novel) is a whole different level of ***dynamis***

There was never a time when God performed this magnificent work prior to the rising of Christ

Resurrection is a display of power:

Eph. 1: 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might* <sup>20</sup> *which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,* <sup>21</sup> *far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*

&: (Rom. 1:4) . . . **who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord—**

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### **(B.) In the resurrection's SPIRITUAL power**

or: ***dynamis*** for living the Christian life- set out by Romans 6:

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore 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.** 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly **we shall also be in the likeness** (*homoiōma; like-kind, identity*) **of His resurrection,** 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, **so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;** 7 for he who has died is freed from sin. . . .

And further evidenced in:

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the **power that works within us**- Eph. 3:20*

*seeing that His divine **power** has granted to us everything **pertaining to life and godliness**, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. – I Pet. 1:3*

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## PURPOSE CLAUSE 5 of 6: **to know the fellowship of His sufferings**

The ***koinonia***: *fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse*

**Of His:**

***pathēma***, (*suffering*): the calamities, mishaps, evils, afflictions of the mind, emotions, passions that you may fall into [from ***pathos*** (sorrows; emotions)]

Christ experienced in His earthly walk up and to death on the cross; Is Christ still suffering?

YES- He suffers in the place where He was rejected to this day; His ***pathēma*** is dispersed among His body the Church; individually and collectively (persecutions)

The cosmos system is not done persecuting Him:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh ***I do my share on behalf of His body***, which is the church, in filling up ***what is lacking in Christ's afflictions***. Col. 1:24

When we suffer: we share in the identity/baptism with Him unto death: ***but w/ this benefit***: sweeter fellowship with the Lord; we gain His ***sympathy*** in trials & tribulations- His very presence to succor our pain; if He only delivered us from the suffering: we get relief, but no sympathy (***sympatheō***) . . .



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MODIFYING clause is:

### **Conformity to His death:**

Is *PRESENT, PASSIVE voice* . . . The Holy Spirit will work His ministry of immersing us into to Christ's death .... ***all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?***  
[Rom 6:3]

Conform is: ***Sym-morphizō*** – having the same form; shape; nature (morphe)

*Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ..... Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death (Rom. 6: 3,4)*

*... for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, Rom 8:13*

*\* There is also an incredible amount of POWER involved in the process of co-death, co-burial & co-raising with Christ & the H.S. active power in keeping this online and in place*



# Symmorphizō

*Our Rom. 6 death applied to us; death/separation from our judged Sin Nature through baptism by the H.S.; & death in relation to world/cosmos system*

Christ's Death on the Cross: He became the Sin for us; then died to it; judging it; & His death to the world (Gal. 6:14):

But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the **world** has been crucified to me, and I to the **world**.

If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the **world**, why, as if you were living in the **world**, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as— Col. 2:20

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



PURPOSE CLAUSE **6 of 6**: **to attain the resurrection OUT from among the dead. . . .**

## IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Paul has ALREADY attained Vs. 11 this by his position in Christ and Christ's Life in him by grace through faith, and he knows this already
- You have attained Vs. 11 by your position in Christ, and Christ indwelling you through faith
- You know this already as a settled fact; and you have an absolute certain future of having it
- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living **hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead [1 Pet. 1:3]-*
- To ATTAIN is to arrive at and partake fully and positively in the resurrection from the dead (at the Rapture of the Church); but to have full appreciation of its weight and meaning in the now.

# THE TWO RESURRECTIONS:

EACH IN THEIR OWN ORDER: I COR 15:23

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection (out) from (among) the dead.



Paul: is wanting the fellowship of Christ's sufferings that can full-partaking and full-appreciation of I(a); realizing its full power

