

INTRODUCTION: Philippians 3:10-16**DISCUSSION:****A. FOCUSED ON A PERSON****1. Philippians 3:10-11****2. Knowing Christ in this life**

- a. Paul wanted to know “the power of His resurrection” **Galatians 2:20 ; Philippians 4:13**
- b. Paul wanted to know “the fellowship of his suffering.” **Galatians 6:17; 2 Corinthians 4:10-11**
- c. Paul concluded his thought with the words, “conformable unto his death.” **Galatians 2:20**
- d. Paul’s desire to know Christ more fully had at least four facets:
 - 1) A personal experience: “that I may know Him”
 - 2) A powerful experience: “and the power of His resurrection”
 - 3) A painful experience: “and the fellowship of His suffering”
 - 4) A practical experience: “being conformable unto His death”
- e. **Romans 6**

3. Paul looked forward to Knowing Christ in the next life. Philippians 3:11; John 5:28-29**B. FOCUSED ON A PRIZE****1. Philippians 3:12-14****2. Regarding the Present: Humility Needed. Ephesians 4:15 ; 2 Peter 3:18****3. Regarding the Past: Forgiveness Needed. v. 13; Hebrews 8:12****4. Regarding the Future: Progress Needed. v. 13; 2 Timothy 4:7-8****C. FOCUSED ON PEOPLE****1. Philippians 3:15-16****2. Genuine Concern. verse 15****3. Gentle Correction**

- a. “and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you”
- b. One trait of immaturity is an inadequate grasp of God’s word
- c. Paul was confident that they would get the instruction they needed to make the proper decisions – he was confident that the dissenters would soon learn better

4. A General Command

- a. “Walk by the same rule...mind the same thing”
- b. To be spiritually united we must have a common authority – God’s Word
- c. God’s will for us will be plain if we will obediently adhere to His written word

CONCLUSION:

We must stay focused on the spiritual task before us