

The Excellent Knowledge
Philippians 3:7-11
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Intro: What does it mean to know Jesus Christ? We have adopted as a church the statement “To know, grow and serve in the Name of Jesus!” Each quarter we review this statement and its meaning to us as a church and to us individually. Most of us in this room have accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, and recognize our need for forgiveness of sin in order to become a child of God, and live a life of eternal purpose.

Interog: If you are a believer today, this message will challenge you to press in to a closer presence and walk with God through Jesus, and if you are not yet a believer I pray that in hearing this message you will decide to acknowledge you need for a Savior, and accept the only one who truly can do just that.

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1. I must count all things as lost.

Count appears three times with the word twice with loss, perfect and present – continual accounting

Once with rubbish, garbage, dung – good, success, bad, failure

Galatians 2:20 death to life is the picture

2. True life is found only in Jesus

To discover life, I must discover Jesus, to obtain grace from God and acceptance is only possible in Jesus, who is our model both on and off the cross.

Only possible by faith. John 1:12 – belief and faith – chair illustration

Eph2:8

3. Knowing Jesus is to live like Jesus lived.

Power of Resurrection

Fellowship of His sufferings

Conformed to His death

Attain the resurrection from the dead. – Col 3:1-10 the detailed description of the new life as opposed to the old.

Conclusion: What does your life look like? Have you given away all the world has to offer with its pain and confusion and received in its place the power and freedom of God’s grace in Jesus Christ. Lay it all down at the foot of the cross.