

"That I Might Know Christ"
Philippians 3

- v1 - "rejoice in the Lord"
...Christ consciousness is our "safeguard" against error
- v2 - "beware" of legalism ...it is an insult to Christ!
- v3 - true covenant people...
...worship in the spirit
...glory in Jesus Christ
...put no confidence in the flesh
- v4-7 - What things were gain/profit to me (= put me and keep me right with God)
..."I now count as loss" (= not neutral, but negative)
- v8 - "rubbish" - God's estimate of our achievements apart from Christ
- v9 - Two kinds of "righteousness":
..."of my own" - self-generated
..."comes from God" - freely given by God in Christ
- v10 - "That I may know Him" (Jo 17:3)
..."the power of His resurrection" - no fear of defeat
..."participation in His suffering" - suffering born of obedience
..."conformed to His death" - no knowledge of Him in by-passing the Cross
- v12 - A fullness/completion in which I am not yet functionally perfect
- v13 - "this one thing" = intentional, determined
- "forgetting what is behind" - no longer named by my past
- "reaching forward" - open hands and hearts to what is ahead
- v14 - "Press on!"
- "the goal" - "That I might know You and be an expression of Your Life"
- "the prize" - the revelation of the nature of God
- "the upward call" - the sound God's voice makes calling us to Himself
- v16 - Be careful to "walk the line" in dependence upon Christ
- w18-19 - Beware of those who turn Christian liberty into un-Christian license
..."whose god is their appetite" = no authority outside their own personal satisfaction
..."their glory is in their shame" = their values/morality are upside down
..."set their minds on earthly things" = earthly "horizoned"
- w20-21 - All of our supply comes from above = heavenly "horizoned" - Col 3:1-4
...He is our Source for every spirit, soul, body need!