

Do EVERYTHING Better for God

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We live in a time that is prophesied as having increased knowledge which is readily attainable (Dn. 12:4). The fulfillment of this happening before our very eyes raises two important questions every Bible believer needs to answer. First, an increase of the knowledge of what exactly (Ecc. 1:18; I Tim. 6:20-21)? Second, is such easy knowledge actually _____ (Jn. 18:38)? Much of the information we attain is in things that are ungodly or that don't matter and therefore comes as a distraction (I Cor. 8:1; II Tim. 3:7). So much so that the church is being distracted right out of a relationship with Jesus Christ (I Cor. 7:35).

Your source of truth will become your source of _____, either giving you joy or robbing it from you (Jer. 4:22; Rm. 16:19). It is time to get back what really matters (Jn. 17:17), an intimate relationship that comes through a deep, _____, personal pursuit of the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord (Ps. 42:7; Phil. 4:8-9).

THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST: That I May Know Him – Philippians 3:1-14

1. Rejoicing in the Lord, *not* the world – Phil. 3:1-2

- Remember your joy comes from God – Neh. 8:10; Ps. 18:1-2; Jn. 15:11; Phil. 4:4; I Tim. 6:17-19
- Beware of other sources of joy and truth – Jn. 17:17; Acts 20:28-30; I Tim. 6:20-21; I Jn. 2:15-17

2. Worshiping in the spirit, *not* the flesh – Phil. 3:3-6

- Confidence in self = FLESH – II Cor. 11:16-33; Jm. 4:6-7, 10, 16
- Confidence in God = SPIRIT – II Cor. 10:17; Gal. 6:14; Eph. 2:8-10; Phil. 1:6
- Worship in spirit and truth – Gen. 22; Ps. 29:2; Jn. 4:23-24

3. Winning by losing, *not* gaining – Phil. 3:7-8

- Anything that gives us confidence detached from Christ is dung – Pr. 16:18; I Cor. 5:6; I Pet. 4:11
- _____ compares to the knowledge of Jesus Christ – Eph. 1:17-19; 3:17-19; II Pet. 3:18
- Winning Christ comes after salvation – Mt. 16:24-27; Rm. 8:28-32; II Cor. 5:14-21; Phil. 3:14

4. Righteous by being, *not* doing – Phil. 3:9

- Righteousness by faith - who you ARE – Jn. 1:12-13; Rm. 8:14-16; Gal. 6:15; II Pet. 1:2-11
- Not by works of the law - what you DO – Rm. 8:8-9; Gal. 2:16; II Thes. 1:11-12
- Being found in Him though you're already there – Rm. 8:1-11; Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 1:1-15; Col. 1:27

5. Knowledge through dying, *not* living – Phil. 3:10

- That I _____ know Him – Ex. 33:13, 18; Jer. 9:23-24; Gal. 4:9; Heb. 11:25-26; I Pet. 2:3; I Jn. 5:13
- Trial by fire and the purification process – Pr. 25:4; Dn. 3:17-18; Heb. 5:8-9; I Pet. 1:7-9; 2:21-24

6. Attaining by pursuing, *not* apprehending – Phil. 3:11-12

- Laying hold on the eternal life that you are already promised – Rm. 8:17-18; Col. 3:1-3; I Tim. 6:12; II Tim. 1:8-9; Heb. 11:35; I Pet. 5:6-10
- Levels of intimacy – Rm. 12:1-2; II Cor. 6:14-18; Jm. 4:8-10; II Pet. 3:18

7. Pressing forward, *not* backward – Phil. 3:13-14

- You can't apprehend what you don't pursue - Dt. 11:18-22; Lk. 9:62; II Tim. 4:7; Heb. 12:1-3
- The _____ of the knowledge of His excellency – Ps. 145:14-21; Mic. 6:8; Gal. 5:22-23; Phil. 4:7; I Tim. 1:17; II Tim. 1:7; 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:1-11
- Levels of reward – Pr. 11:27; Mt. 13:23; Lk. 19:12-27; Acts 20:32; Rm. 14:10; I Cor. 3:10-15; 9:24-27; II Cor. 5:10-11; Col. 3:23-24; Heb. 11:6