

The Apostle Paul: A Man in Christ – Part2

Philippians 3:8-14

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Why study the Apostle Paul? Three Reasons

a. Discover or rediscover the life of a true Christian

1 John 1:1-4; Ephesians 1:3, 1 Peter 1:8; 1 Thess. 1:2-10; John 10:10, John 15:11; John 14:21; Eph. 3:8; Phil. 4:4

b. Observe the Apostle Paul as the model Christian

1. The Consuming Passion of the Apostle Paul

Philippians 3:7-14

2. The Spiritual Prayer Life of the Apostle Paul

Ephesians 1:15-20, 3:14-19

3. The Controlling Power of the Apostle Paul

2 Corinthians 5:11-19

c. Evaluate ourselves by scripture

2 Corinthians 13:5

A. The CONSUMING PASSION of the Apostle Paul

Philippians 3:7-14

1. The surpassing worth of knowing Christ; Philippians 3:8

- Knowledge alone of Christ does not produce passion for Him. 1 Corinthians 13:2

- Facts of the history of Christ do not produce passion for Him. Luke 24:25-27, 32

- Knowing Christ produces transformation by Christ: John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Knowing Christ leads to love for Christ: 1 Peter 1:3-9

2. The surpassing worth of knowing Christ experienced

Philippians 3:8; Matthew 13:44

- Surpassing worth in Christ's love John 13:1; Gal. 2:20

- Surpassing worth in Christ's mercy 1 Tim. 1:15-16; Eph. 2:4-5

- Surpassing worth in Christ's righteousness Romans 3:21-26

- Surpassing worth in Christ's presence Psalm 16:11, 17:15; John 17:24