

The Apostle Paul: A Man in Christ – Part 4

Philippians 3:8-14

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A. The CONSUMING PASSION of the Apostle Paul

1. The surpassing worth of knowing Christ

Philippians 3:8

- Knowing Him defined
- Knowing Him compared

2. The surpassing worth of knowing Christ experienced

Matthew 13:45-46

- Surpassing worth in Christ's love (personal love) Galatians 2:20
- Surpassing worth in Christ's mercy 1 Timothy 1:15-16
- Surpassing worth in Christ's righteousness Romans 3:21-23
- Surpassing worth in Christ's presence Psalm 16:11

3. The surpassing worth of knowing Christ pursued

a. The pursuit of knowing Christ consumes our entire being

Philippians 3:7-8, 10; Philippians 1:20-23; Psalm 73:25

b. The pursuit of knowing Christ is life's chief passion and pursuit

Philippians 3:7-8, 10; 1 Peter 2:7

c. The pursuit of knowing Christ requires our greatest efforts

Philippians 3:12, 14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Luke 9:23-24

d. The pursuit of knowing Christ knows no rivals

Philippians 3:13; Luke 14:25-33

e. The pursuit of knowing Christ is a life-long pursuit

Philippians 3:12-13; Psalm 27:4; Luke 10:38-42