

## KNOWING JESUS

Philippians 3:10-15

### 1) KNOW THE GOAL

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...” Phil. 3:10 NIV



The primary overall goal of the Bible is that we know Him. Paul knew the Bible. He wrote much of the New Testament. Yet, his goal was to know Christ. There is a difference between knowing about God and knowing God. Do you know Him?

“This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: **that they have the understanding to know me**” Jer. 9:23-24 (bold added) NIV

Philip was around Jesus often. Yet, Jesus was concerned that Philip didn't know Him.

“Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” John 14:8 – 9a NIV

Jesus' concern was that Philip knew that He was God.

## 1) KNOW THE WAY

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Philip. 3:13b-14 NIV (emphasis added)

Jesus took hold of Paul and now Paul wants to take hold of Jesus (Phil. 3:12). Christ is our prize, so let us draw near to Him. I know of no one who takes hold of Christ better than the prostitute in Luke 7.

“And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.” Luke

7:37-38 NIV

She wept as she beheld Jesus. She let down her hair, she washed His feet, she anointed them with the oil. She opened her heart to Jesus and that is how she took hold of Him (Luke 7:37-43).

Our hearts open from the inside. Do you know Him? Do you want to know Him more?