

I JUST WANT TO “KNOW HIM”—PHIL 3:1–14

Thesis—the goal of a Christian’s whole life is to come “**To Know Christ** and the Power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings.”

Context—Paul has been concerned so far in this letter with the internal dissensions that endangered the well-being of the Philippian church.

Point 1: My Life’s Purpose is to “**Know Him**” (3:10a)

- ❖ **The Topic:** being conformed to the death and resurrection of Christ.
- ❖ **Articular Infinitive** τοῦ γινῶναι αὐτόν (*toú ginōnai auton*, “**to know Him**”), (=purpose).
- ❖ This **Gk.** clause indicates the purpose of all Paul had attained in life (3:8–9).

Point 2: I Just Want to “**Know the Power of His Resurrection**” (3:10b)

- ❖ **Q&A:** What does it mean to “Experience the Power of His Resurrection?”
- ❖ **Q&A:** When and how can we experience His resurrection with power?
- ❖ **The Bible declares** the *when* and *how*—(Rom 6:3–5; 1 Pet 1:3; 3:21; Phil 3:20–21).
- ❖ **Q&A:** Do the churches of Christ **Believe** in the **Rapture**? **Yes, One!** (1 Thess 4:13–17).

Point 3: I Want to “**Know the Fellowship of His Suffering**” (3:10c)

- ❖ **Q&A:** What is the Fellowship of His sufferings?
- ❖ **Meaning:** It refers both to dying to sin and to suffering for Christ.
- ❖ **The Bible declares** the *when* and *how*—(1 Cor 1:9; 1 John 1:3).

Conclusion—*I want to be conformed to His death* (3:10d). Do You “**Know**” Him, and have “**Experienced**” the Power of His resurrection, being “**Conformed**” to His Death? I will make the commitment in 2019, “*To Strive Continually to put one’s sinful nature to death*”.

The Plan of Salvation (H. B. R. C. B.)—(Rom 10:17; Heb 11:6; Acts 17:30; Rom 10:9–10; Acts 2:38; Rev 2:10). Get to Know Him Better in 2019—Happy New Year.