

# So Walk In Him – To Know Christ

## Philippians 3:8-10



### Sharing Time

Intro: Over the course of this semester we're looking at what it means to walk in Christ.

Trans: Next week we'll begin a 3 part series on repentance through the book of Jonah but for this week I'd like it to be a time of celebration of what the Lord is doing, confession for where we are lacking, or confidence in what God has promised.

Engage: Last week I challenged you to go back and remember that time when God was your first love. When he really moved in you. Tonight I want to ask, "How God is moving in you today?"

BO: Scripture share+ - How has the scripture been impactful on a situation in your life? Think about it in 3 ways:  
1. Celebrate what the Lord is doing 2. Confess where you're lacking, 3. Be confident in what God has promised.

### To Know

Qt: "When at MC where Christ is in everyone, we feel free from our sin, but when we get back into the real world we go back to our sin and bad habits. So I hope we just stay as free people." "I need to find a way to plan for it."

THT: I lose to gain. I willingly give up my self-powered, self-guided, self-reliant, selfish life for knowing Jesus + power

Read: ***8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,***

Ex: "Indeed, I count everything a loss" In verse 8, Paul takes it a step further. Not just his reputation but everything is a loss. It's his reputation, his hopes, his dreams, his money, his job, his relationships of family and friends, his time. Nothing on earth has as much value as knowing Jesus!

Qu: Do you know Jesus that way? Do you long for him? Do you long for the power he offers over sin?

**2 things strike me from this verse:** Paul's language is extreme and Paul's primary focus is on the worth of Jesus. **How is Paul's language extreme?** Paul doesn't seem to leave room for our human pursuits as being allowed to grip us in the same way that Jesus does. Paul doesn't seem to think that being gripped by Jesus and trying to win the favor of religious leaders are compatible. Paul had former bragging points of reputation but considers them and everything else a loss and rubbish in order to gain Christ. Do you know what rubbish means? It's dung or excrement. Paul doesn't just think that things are in second place to Jesus he's saying get them away from me. They don't hold or grip me like they used to hold and grip me.

**Secondly, Paul is fixed first on Christ and not the other things.** I've heard it said that if you want to get rid of the things in in your life you believe are bad that you can't just remove the bad but you have to replace it with good. I think it's similar here. You can't just say, "I'd like stop caring so much what people think about me". You have to grow in your love of Jesus and then it gives you the footing to stop being an attention or reputation seeker.

### Have a plan

1. Depending on the grace of God – You've got to ask God for his help
  - a. (Gal. 3:2-3)- Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by[a] the flesh?
  - b. (Gal 5:16) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
2. According to the promises of God – God's word speaks into life's most difficult questions
  - a. Hebrews 4:12 - 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
  - b. Matt 4:1-11
3. With others help – We are so scared to live as broken before one another sharing our hurt and shame.
  - a. Proverbs 17:17 - Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.