



## Three Goals of the Christian Life

Philippians 3:10-13

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1. In Philippians 3:10, Paul says his desire is “to know Christ.” What do you think Paul means by knowing Christ in a personal way rather than simply knowing about Him?
2. How does Paul connect knowing Christ with the power of His resurrection? What difference should that power make in a believer’s daily life?
3. Paul also speaks about sharing in Christ’s sufferings. Why do you think suffering is often part of knowing Christ more deeply?
4. What are some practical ways we can grow in our knowledge of Christ this week?
5. Paul expresses a desire to become like Christ in His death. What attitudes or behaviors in our lives need to “die” so Christ can be more visible in us?
6. According to this passage, what does it look like to pursue Christlikeness in everyday life?
7. In verse 12, Paul admits he has not already obtained perfection. Why is it encouraging to hear that even Paul was still growing?
8. Paul says he presses on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of him. What motivates a believer to keep pursuing Christ?
9. In verse 13, Paul says he forgets what lies behind. What kinds of past experiences (failures or successes) can hinder our spiritual growth if we keep looking back?
10. What is one step you can take this week to pursue the three goals Paul describes: knowing Christ, becoming like Christ, and persevering in faith?