**I WANT TO KNOW CHRST**

Philippians 3:1-21 (Key verse 10)

*“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,”*

1. What theme does Paul repeat and why is it a safeguard (1; Phil 2:18[[1]](#footnote-1); Phil 4:4[[2]](#footnote-2))? Who did Paul give warnings against (2)? Who are the truly circumcised (3)?
2. For what reasons could Paul have been confident in the flesh (4-6)? Why were these things a basis for his confidence? How had Paul’s value system drastically changed (7-8)? What blessing does Christ give, and how is it obtained (9)?
3. What was Paul’s earnest desire (10-11)? What does “to know Christ” mean? “To know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings” (Ro 6:5[[3]](#footnote-3); 2Co 1:5[[4]](#footnote-4))? What was his goal in life (12-16)? What is your goal in life?
4. What is Paul’s admonition (17)? Of whom should they beware (18-19)? What is their true hope (20-21)?

1. **Phil 2:18.** So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Phil 4:4.** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Ro 6:5.** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **2 Co 1:5.** For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)