

The Desires of a man Right with God

Phil 3:7-11

⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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Dr. Stenger popularized the phrase:

"Science flies you to the moon. Religion flies you into buildings."

Although I disagree with Stenger's conclusion on Science. For True Science will lead to the conclusion that there is a God.

But on the matter of religion. I would agree and I would take it further. I would say that Religion flies you into Buildings and then straight on to Hell

Religion has done nothing but drive man further away from God. Romans 1

Religion being mans attempt to reach God. is just that, an attempt. but falls woefully short. and convinces man that he is OK when he is not.

Paul had that experience

Review

Lesson

I want to show you What a man desires who is right with God.

Amazingly , I have never seen these listed in any popular book, Because so often we are really more concerned about our wants and comforts than what Paul list here

The list

1. Righteousness in Christ
2. Knowledge of Christ
3. Power of Christ
4. Fellowship in His Sufferings
5. Resurrection of the Dead

I. Paul's Desire for Justification

A. Not from Law

v.8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law,

Romans 3:19

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 10:1

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

B. Righteousness from God

⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

2 Cor 5:21

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

II. Paul's Desire for Sanctification**A. Knowledge of Christ**

⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,.....

¹⁰ that I may know Him

excellence

huperechó: to hold above, to rise above, to be superior

Original Word: ὑπερέχω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: huperechó

Phonetic Spelling: (hoop-er-ekh'-o)

Short Definition: I excel, surpass

Definition: I excel, surpass, am superior.

HELPS Word-studies

5242 *hyperéxō* (from **5228** /*hypér*, "beyond, above" and 2192/*exō*, "have") – properly, "have beyond, i.e. be superior, excel, surpass" (A-S); to exercise prominence (superiority).

Knowledge

1097 *ginōskō* – properly, *to know*, especially through *personal experience* (*first-hand* acquaintance). **1097** /*ginōskō* ("experientially know") is used for example in Lk 1:34, "And Mary [a virgin] said to the angel, 'How will this be since I do not *know* (**1097** /*ginōskō* = sexual intimacy) a man?'"

Jermiah 9:23

²³ Thus says the Lord:

“Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;

²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and
righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the Lord.

Matt 11:25

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

Matt 16:16

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

John 17:3

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent

John 14

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ **And where I go you know, and the way you know.**”

Christ Answers Thomas

⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

⁷ **“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”**

Christ Answers Philip

⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

B. Power of His Resurrection

v.10 and the power of His resurrection,

John 10:18

¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

Romans 1:16

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Romans 6:4

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Cor 13:4

⁴ For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

How do we live in this Power. How do we access it.

The Word of God , The Spirit of God all Saturated in Prayer

Practical Example

Eph 5:18-

Col 3:16

C. Fellowship of His Sufferings

v 10 and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

koinónia: fellowship

Original Word: ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ, ας, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: koinónia

Phonetic Spelling: (koy-nohn-ee'-ah)

Short Definition: participation, communion, fellowship

Definition: (lit: partnership) (a) contributory help, participation, (b) sharing in, communion, (c) spiritual fellowship, a fellowship in the spirit.

HELPS Word-studies

2842 *koinōnía* (a feminine noun) – properly, what is *shared in common* as the basis of *fellowship* (*partnership, community*).

conformed

summorphoó: conform to, fashion self according to.

Original Word: συμμορφώω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: summorphoó

Phonetic Spelling: (soom-mor-fo'-o)

Short Definition: I bring to the same form with, conform

Definition: I bring to the same form with, conform.

HELPS Word-studies

4833 *symmorphóō* – (from **4862** /*sýn*, "together with" and **3444** /*morphé*; "form embodying essence") – properly, sharing the same form from embodying the same inner (essential) reality; to be *conformed* to the glory of Christ.

I JOHN 1:3

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have **fellowship** with us; and truly our **fellowship** *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

I John 1:5

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have **fellowship** with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Acts 2:42

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers

So this is deeper than just enjoying each other company, it is partnership, true companionship. You are in it together, and share the same experiences

Matt 20:20

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

²¹ And He said to her, "What do you wish?"

She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

²² But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They said to Him, "We are able."

²³ So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared by My Father."

2 Cor 1:5

⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

1 Peter 4:12

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶ Yet if *anyone suffers*

as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

III. Paul's Desire for Glorification

A. Resurrection from the Dead

¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

William Barclay gave three superb examples from heathen tombs of what happens when men reject God

One of those tombs expresses hedonism, it says, **"I was nothing, I am nothing, so thou who art still alive, eat, drink and be merry."**

another says on one of the tombs, **"Once I had no existence, now I have none. I am not aware of it, it does not concern me."**

And that indicates that for some there was nothing but apathy, I don't really care, I haven't had any existence, I don't have any now, I won't have any, it means nothing.

Finally, having no goal and no end in history leads to despair. Another tomb from ancient times says, **" what is below? Deep darkness. But what of the paths upward? All is a lie, then we are lost."**

Quite an epitaph for a tomb.

exanastasis: a rising again

Original Word: ἐξανάστασις, εως, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: exanastasis

Phonetic Spelling: (ex-an-as'-tas-is)

Short Definition: a resurrection

Definition: a rising up and out, resurrection.

HELPS Word-studies

1815 *eksanástasis* (from **1537** /**ek**, "**completely out from,**" intensifying **450** /*anístēmi*, "rise up") – properly, rising up to experience *the full-impact* of resurrection, i.e. *thoroughly removed from the realm of death (the grave)*

nekros: dead

Original Word: νεκρός, ἄ, ὄν

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: nekros

Phonetic Spelling: (nek-ros')

Short Definition: dead, a corpse

Definition: (a) adj: dead, lifeless, subject to death, mortal, (b) noun: a dead body, a corpse.

This is the Future Resurrection at the Parousia of Christ **The Rapture**

I Cor 15:50

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*"

I Thess 4:16

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.