

Knowing Christ *Forget the Past and Move On*

Philippians 3:10-14

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- There is a vast difference between _____ somebody and really knowing somebody.
- Do you have a _____ relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Or, do you have an on-going, _____, close, one-on-one communion with Christ?
- What will it take to really know Christ?

First, it will take an understanding of the value of _____. vs. 10-11

Second, it will take dissatisfaction with your _____ attainment. vs. 12-13a

- When we feel as if we have reached the spiritual _____ of Christian growth, rest assured, we will never know Christ in a deeper and more intimate way.
- *“Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.” Proverbs 26:12*

Third, it will take forgetting the _____. vs. 13

- You cannot know someone in the present if your heart is dwelling on the _____.
- Biblically, the word “forget” means that we are no longer _____ or affected by those things.
- We cannot change the past, but we can change the _____ of the past.
- You can live in the past if you want to, but you need to understand two things about this:
 - First, it will do _____ to change the past.
 - Second, it will hinder you in knowing _____ in the present.

Fourth, it will take a determination to press _____. vs. 13-14

- We are all at different points in the spiritual growth process, but we have to _____ where we are at. Paul said in verse 13, “*reaching forth.*” This means “to stretch oneself.”
- Paul wanted to live his life in a way that when he was ushered into the very presence of Christ, it would just be the next natural step in their _____ relationship.

Christian - may this be true of us!