

Knowing Christ *The Value of Suffering*

Philippians 3:10-11

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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 _____.

- Jesus Christ, with mighty power, rose from the dead.
- *“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”* **Romans 1:4**
- We readily embrace the power of His resurrection, but many times we scorn the fellowship of His _____.
- Many believers have never learned the _____ of suffering.
- Suffering has the potential to do some incredible things in our lives.

Suffering can _____ our fellowship with Christ.

Suffering can teach us to _____ to selfish desires.

- *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.” Hebrews 5:8*
- *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20*

Suffering can bring about _____. vs. 11

- *“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure.” 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4*

Suffering can enable us to realize His resurrection

_____.

- When we are at our weakest physically, God’s resurrection _____ can flow through us unhindered and God can use us in mighty ways.

God wants you to allow suffering to _____ you into a closer, deeper relationship with Christ so that you can cry out like Paul, “*That I may know him...*”