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Sunday service

# Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:1-9

Thanks to your prayers, the World Mission Convention was great. It was a time of thanksgiving and glory to God to see more people come, pray, and be with us than ever before. It was a time of confirmation that God's desire is world missions, and to go to the ends of South America. Please pray that the South American disciples we sent for the next 40 days in Daegu will realize the important mystery, and that they will come back and be witnesses to save the fields. We do evangelism and world missions because of God's desire and command. Also, only the gospel saves people and delivers them from the curse. So nothing else is precious in God's eyes. Everything that happens in the world happens for this purpose. That is why the standard of world history is Matthew 24:14. It is the answer, the standard, and the reason for life. May you be found by God in this way and become the most blessed person.

## 1. Surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus

- 1) It's a word you're used to hearing. May you think about it again, to be imprinted on it, and to become one of those who have the authority of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus. The surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus means to have the highest and most important knowledge, because those who do not have this knowledge will perish unconditionally.
- 2) In Philippians 3:2-3, Paul says that circumcision is also necessary for salvation, calling the wandering Jews dogs, calling them evildoers, and characterizing circumcision as nothing more than a physical injury. He goes on to say that we who know Christ, boast in him, serve by the Spirit, and do not trust in the flesh are the true circumcisionists.
- 3) In Philippians 3:5-6, "Circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless."
- 4) Philippians 3:7 "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ." Philippians 3:8 "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Paul was the greatest scholar of his day, the most promising man in the Law and the Scriptures, but he came to this conclusion after one day knowing Christ.
- 5) The most precious thing in the world is to know Christ. The highest knowledge in the world is to know that Jesus is the Christ. This is the knowledge that makes a man a fool in the end, no matter how successful and brilliant they may be in the world, because only here is life. This is Apostle Paul's conclusion.
- 6) He was the one who created a new culture in the world. Before Paul, there was no Christian culture. There was a Jewish culture, but the law was not the gospel; it only served to separate people from the gospel. Paul, who received the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus in the world, created this culture.
- 7) He had another evidence of the times, and that was that his evangelism became God's. The most precious thing in the world is evangelism. What is more precious than to save a people from a curse? Therefore, an evangelist is the most precious thing to God, and great evangelism and small evangelism are in the eyes of men. To God, there is only one soul.
- 8) Thus, Paul was a truly blessed man who brought the gospel of God to the world. He was a man who discovered the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus. May this be the covenant for you as well.

## 2. Discover

- 1) Philippians 3:9 "And be found in him." Philippians 3:8 "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish"
- 2) Apostle Paul was a man who wanted to be found by God in Christ. If you are like him, you too will be found in Him. It's not so much about the eyes, but the heart, because God sees the center of your heart, and you will be found in Him as well.
- 3) A person who recognizes the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus, and that everything else is rubbish, and it is okay to lose it as a person who has discovered Christ. A person who creates a new

culture through the evangelization of God. We must create a new culture in America and South America, and a gospel culture. We must make a new true evangelism movement. It must come into you to be your reason, prayer, and a person through God.

- 4) This will be the person who is fond of God. First of all, it happens spiritually in your heart. Who is Christ to you? Is surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus the highest knowledge to you?
- 5) What is evangelism to you? In God's eyes, the evangelists are the most important people to Him out in the world. Then, are you truly a person of God's desire for evangelism? What kind of person are you for God's culture to save America and South America? What kind of role must you play? What kind of person are you when it comes to prayer? What kind of person are you when it comes to such work like this? Are you a person discovered by God? This must be the question that you ask. May you deeply meditate on this. Any one of these is the start to it all.
- 6) Philippians 3:12 "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own." Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
- 7) You ought to be all of these people. Without heaven, earth has no meaning, for it is only when there is an opportunity on earth to obtain the things of heaven that earth has any meaning. May it be of surpassing worth to know Christ Jesus. May you be blessed to see that, apart from this, everything else is rubbish.