

**Review:**

**Hope:** The mental and emotional attitude that life is good, the future is promising, and progress is certain... eve in the midst of difficult circumstances and challenging relationships.

1. Whatever we put our HOPE in will determine what we \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 3:1-9

2. **False HOPE** always ends in either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Timothy 6:17

3. **True HOPE** is rooted in relationship with Christ and results in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 5:1-5

**The Question:** How do we experience this true HOPE in everyday life?

**The Answer:**

Philippians 3:10-11

**The Context:** Paul's perspective 30 years after his Damascus road conversion...

*<sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.*

Philippians 3:8-9 (NIV)

**Paul's hope and consuming passion:**

"I want to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ  
(yada - Hebrew)

and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His resurrection,  
(dunamis - Greek)

and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His suffering,  
(koinonia - Greek)

\_\_\_\_\_ like Him in His death.  
(morphe - Greek)

and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."

Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

**Question: How do we experience this intimate relationship with Jesus?**

**Answer:** It happens as we progressively know (by experience)...

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ in our weakness.

Romans 8:11

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

2. His \_\_\_\_\_ in our pain.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Romans 5:1-5

3. His \_\_\_\_\_ in our death.

Romans 6:4-7

Galatians 2:20

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How would you describe the apostle Paul's passion for knowing Christ after 30 years?
2. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), how would you describe your current passion for knowing and experiencing Christ?
3. How do we experience the power of Christ's resurrection in our daily life? How have you experienced this in the past?
4. Why is suffering so essential for growth? How has God used past difficulties in your life to transform your heart, life, and attitude?
5. What "one thing" do you sense God wants you to know, feel, or do to experience Jesus' love and power in your life today?